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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I also arise to oppose this amendment once more, and, you know, I have been a member of the Stanton Ag Society now for I think 35 or 36 years, I have been a manager of the Stanton County Fair. Every November we hold an annual meeting, and the people from the county come and vote on the board, so it is a very open process that every ag society has. But Senator Fisher is exactly right, why should we use tax dollars to have an election to pay some more taxes. It just doesn't make sense. I realize that Senator Chambers is probably trying to get at Ak-Sar-Ben, but you are going to affect every county fair in this state. I think there is 93 or 94 counties fair; we only have 93 counties, but some of them have more than one county fair. Dodge County has a Dodge 4-H and a Dodge County Fair, and there is some others like that, so, but why would a person go to this expense and for every county fair just to get at one, and I think it is a very bad amendment and should be opposed. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Fisher a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Fisher.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I am going to ask Senator Schellpeper when he gets back to his mike. Senator Fisher, do you think the people in the respective counties, first of all, I will ask you what I asked Senator Robak, do you think these societies are more active in some counties than others?

SENATOR FISHER: Very definitely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the counties where they are active, do you think the people appreciate what they do and would vote that they should continue to have an exemption from paying personal property tax?

SENATOR FISHER: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what harm would be done in those counties?

SENATOR FISHER: Just the cost, why should we pay money for