

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if your county and all the other counties are eliminated, would you have any reason to be opposed to this amendment?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I would hate to do anything that would hurt the Ak-Sar-Ben facility. I know they had some problems a few years ago, and they had their fairgrounds out at Waterloo, and it was a very active ag society, but then they moved it down to Ak-Sar-Ben, and I think they tried to disband their ag society. So I don't know now whether the county board appoints a county fair board. Now you can either have a county fair board or a county ag society, you can go to either way. Now Senator Lindsay, once he gets to be a county commissioner, he will probably know a lot more about this, but I don't know where they are at right now in Douglas County, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can a county fair board levy taxes?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, the county commissioners then have to give them so much money for their county fair. There is actually five county fairs in the state that are actually county fairs. The rest are all ag societies.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is the one in Douglas County a county fair or an ag society?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I don't...they are kind of in limbo right now because you have to go three years without holding a county fair in order that you can't levy or that you lose your status as an ag society, and then you can't levy money, but I think right now Douglas County just gives a certain amount of dollars to the county fair, to Ak-Sar-Ben to put on the county fair, because I think it's put on by county fair, or the county fair people, or the county employ. I think they have somebody that comes in and puts the county fair on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if because of the problems that are developing in Douglas County around Ak-Sar-Ben, and the questions being asked about who purchased these bonds, the circumstances under which they were purchased, the conditions attached to the bonds, and a lot of things that were kept from the public,...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.