

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...provided a majority of those voting approve such exemption at a regular or special election.

SENATOR HALL: So it would be a ballot issue that would have to be voted on at a regular or special election, now, so in other words, there wouldn't be an additional cost? I mean we could put it on the ballot, for example, for the November election...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, I want to strongly oppose Senator Chambers amendment, and I am going to tell you why. There is two good reasons.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Hold on, Senator Wehrbein, we are having trouble with your mike.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Have you got it. Mr. President, members of the body, I want to strongly oppose Senator Chambers amendment and I have two good reasons. One, it is a chance for me to support Douglas County and the City of Omaha. The other reason is that I think it's...a county fair, agricultural society function in Omaha is about as critical in Omaha, from my perspective, as the rural person as anything because it is an opportunity for urban dwellers to visit a county fair and at least get a flavor of what it is about, and I am thinking of livestock in this particular case. But it is also all the 4-H displays that are in the sewing, the cooking, the style shows, all those kind of things that young people can enjoy just as well in the city as they can in the countryside. It is also an opportunity for them to see living things, to understand about pets. I have not been to the Douglas County Fair for about 20 years, but at that time there were a lot of displays. I am sure there are still a lot of displays and exhibits of rabbits, and goats, and chickens, and those kinds of things. And it is really an opportunity for city kids, so to speak, to have a chance to get some hands-on experience with those kinds of live animals. So I think the function there for education and acquaintance and understanding of young living things is there for those in Douglas County as well as in across the state. So I would seriously, and I am serious of opposing Senator Chambers