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direction of the Legislature. Now if we were to choose how to spend that money for our...

SENATOR VRTISKA: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...wisest considerations of value, we might undercut that public promise. We would recant, if you will, the promise made to the public, if we did it as a Legislature. I would argue that, in fact, the only consistent perspective is the one offered by the bill, which is we told the public the money was going to be for education or the environment, and if we're going to change that, we should go back to the public and ask their permission to divert the money rather than to exercise legislative discretion and send the money someplace else, even though this body might regard it as a higher social need. I believe in the argument that Senator Thompson was making, which is keep faith with the public when the lottery was created. And the way you keep faith is to go back to that same public that you made that promise...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...to and say would you permit an addendum to that promise and will you vote for such an addendum, which is exactly what LR 209CA is.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Landis. Next speaker is Senator Chambers on the Landis amendment to the General Affairs amendment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. On this bill, I'm going to be an "aginer." I'm agin everything. I don't think this ought to be put into the constitution. Senator Schrock asked a few days ago, when we were talking about his bill, that would put hunting, fishing and trapping into the constitution as protected rights, would those who spoke against what he was trying to do also speak against this with the State Fair? I told him I certainly would and I shall and I'm doing so. There's a book called Original Meaning and it dealt with politics and ideas in the making of the constitution, written by a man named Jack N., and I'll spell his last name, R-a-k-o-v-e,