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and trapping, you see how they ridiculed it already. Noah Webster, transported on a sea of laughter at such a preposterous notion, and you all take that stuff seriously. This is like children in preschool, not grown, deliberative men and women whose job it is to uphold and protect the constitution. Suppose others before us had put in gaming, fowling, and fishing, State Fair, streets with three lanes, highways that don't cut across certain farmland, traffic lights at every intersection, and every other lamebrain, numbskull notion that some idiotic person will present to the Legislature. Am I calling Senator Landis idiotic? No. Senator Landis is wily. This...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that is being done is idiotic, and I'm opposed to it, Mr. President, in case I hadn't made that clear. Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Next speaker is Senator Preister, on the Landis amendment to the General Affairs amendment. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm a little conflicted over the bill, and uncertain about the amendment; not sure I fully understand. Senator Landis, as I understand, the amendment, in striking "for competitive grants," would then still allow the Legislature to essentially raid or do what it wished with these funds? Mr. President, could I ask Senator Landis a question. I'd like to ask Senator Landis a question, if he would yield.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Landis, would you yield?

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Landis, I'm trying to understand the implications of your amendment to the committee amendment. And in striking the portion "for competitive grants," can you tell me what the implications of that will do?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes. We...the...striking it will have no effect as to current public policy. It will leave us exactly where we are now statutorily. But it will elevate the