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SENATOR LANDIS: No, that's not correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, it will remain a percentage amount.

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I don't think what is being proposed ought to be done. Let's say that you're going to raid the lottery till. Senator Schrock has a bill that talks about changing the state's water policy. I wouldn't be in favor, right at this moment, of raiding the lottery till for that. I am opposed to gambling proceeds being used to underwrite basic or essential state functions, or any functions of the state, for that matter. I've always been opposed to the state operating gambling.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm going to offer an amendment that would eliminate the state lottery. That is an issue that needs to be discussed, since we're talking about doing something with the money other than what the public thought would be done with it when this lottery was put in place. Although there is not a word in the constitution about money going to the Environmental Trust Fund or this Education Innovation Fund, people are well-aware of what the discussion was when the lottery was being pushed. I am opposed to what Lincoln is trying to do. I'm opposed to what Dr. Radcliffe is trying to do, and I'm opposed to what the Lincoln senators are trying to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I believe everything comes back to money, and I personally feel that the State Fair has never adequately been funded by our state. This is a state tradition. This is a state event, and we ask why are our buildings in such a deplorable state. I think there's only one reason, in the fact that we haven't provided adequate funding. I think the example that was given last week about Peru State is probably a similar example here;