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that entangles the budget. And we will gamble. We will see if the stakes are high enough to help the State Fair. If they can get some money in the budget bill, that tentatively could be that bird in the hand. This LR 209 is a bird that hasn't even lighted in the bush yet. Am I playing hardball? You better believe that I am, because I am fighting forces and principalities that are other places than on the floor of this Legislature. I'm dealing with people outside this Chamber who would put chains on my colleagues so they must behave in a way that contradicts their principles, in a way that goes contrary to the way they're going to behave on other matters this session. I'm not going to ignore it, and I'm going to be taut. Will I mess with every bill on the agenda because of this? No. There's no need to do that. I will be able to focus on this issue. But I will mess with LR 209, what is it, LR 209CA. Everybody is saying, let it go on General File. I told Senator Landis that I was not going to offer a whole lot of amendments and do everything I could to stop it on General File, but I'm not going to support it and I'm going to speak against it. I have offered...this is my second amendment and I was serious about both of them. There are people who are committing themselves to move this to Select File. Well, you do it, but you are muddying some water which you are not going to be able to strain, filter and make clear. State Fair here I come. And you all might be able to override me, and you probably can get cloture...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on the budget bill, but when you get cloture you're not going to have everything in it that you want and you're not going to have everything out of it that you don't want. We have the rest of the session to deal with the budget bill. If this was something that originated in the Legislature, we wouldn't even have it coming to us as a constitutional amendment proposal, and everybody on the floor knows that, but they are dictated to by people outside this Legislature, those who are noble, those who live among the clouds, who talk to us about noble things. Then, when it comes right down to it, they get down in the mud and the manure of the State Fair and say, contaminate the constitution. Do I see morally superior this