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 LR 209

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think among the things that we've accomplished in the debate is to identify a shortcoming in the language. In fact, we do need to have the language be clearer that, in fact, it is our goal to get the money into the hands of the environment and into the hands of educational interests, and that language needs to be improved. I think Senator Chambers has won the day on that argument. I'll do my best to do some work between now and Select File. I thought Senator Preister took us a good step towards that, and I'll use that as a model. The use of the constitutional amendment allows us to go back to the people who authorized the lottery, and who authorized it for two purposes, to ask them their permission to include a third purpose, and that's the continuation of the State Fair after 135 years of operation. They are the only ones, I think, who should be entrusted with the answer to that question of whether the lottery money should be used for that. A statute would, in fact, circumvent what I think is an understanding with the public. It seems to me that we need to honor that by taking this question ultimately into a forum that allows them to speak, because it is their lottery. They authorized it. We told them what it was for, and if we intend to change it, we need to seek their approval. That what LR 209 does. I ask for its advancement. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone malfunction) Roll call vote.

SPEAKER BROMM: You've heard the closing and a roll call vote has been requested in regular order. And, members, the question before us then is the advancement of LR 209CA to E & R Initial. And, Mr. Clerk, if you'd please call the roll in regular order.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 915.)
30 ayes, 14 nays on the advancement, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: The bill does advance. Mr. Clerk. I raise the call.

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed: Senator
Beutler to LB 1185; Senator Raikes to LB 1160. And a new