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saying, you want a lottery? Because if we do, we're going to spend the money for education and the environment. That's what I think we said. I don't want to disturb that. I want to keep and honor that fact. I'm trying to do it as forthright as I can. And it's a funny little sucker punch that Senator Chambers makes in this case, and that is to say, well, gosh, you didn't do it well enough on General File, here's a second chance, and when in fact he...I'm not sure he actually acknowledged, but he understood, he was carping about the language, but in fact the language is a limitation on the Legislature that the money has to be spent on the environment. That's what we said to the public. It seems to me fair to continue that. Now if we don't, if you don't adopt this amendment, that's all right. We'll go back to the existing language that we now have, which also says that this money goes to the environment. There was some argument that that language was not clear enough, not good enough. This is an attempt to replace that language with better language. If not, we can go back to the meaning that's already in the bill, which is that this money is to go to the environment. But it's simply an attempt to acknowledge in clearer language what I think is a self-evident goal, and which would require the subversion of future Legislatures to try to beat, in the event that it was in fact the law. Whether it's the bill as it now stands or whether it's this amendment, this money should go to the environment. This language says it clearer. But in fact, I think it stands on equal footing as what was already in there, because I, unlike Senator Chambers, have some faith in a Legislature to be able to do what they're supposed to do, and that is to pass the money that we asked the public for from the lottery to be spent on the environment. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the closing on AM3376. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is not adopted. Next i'em on the bill, Mr. Clerk.