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food store down in Hooper, but I don't see any groundswell for the State Fair. I don't think the State Fair is the most important organization that needs money from the lottery. What I think is we should give it to the GAR, those survivors of the war between the states, 324,000 of whom died, tens of thousands who came back and suffered from their wounds until their death. Because they're all dead, I guess we can't do much there. How about the Grange which was once a strong viable political force in this state. The Grange is still there, its influence diminished, its numbers shrinking. By golly, that sounds just like the State Fair, and the Grange was here first. I am against, as is Senator Chambers, befouling the constitution with things that are matters of statute. And I just couldn't pass up this one last time until we vote on LR 209 to Final, to express my views on the members before us...on the motion before us, bracketing and striking the enacting clause after that. LB 1090 is not a good bill and I'm going to support it because it is at least a temporary patch and it may last until we get a permanent patch. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, the balance of my time to the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Maxwell.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. I hadn't planned to say anything and we are in violation of Rule 2, Section 7, which says that senators' floor statements are supposed to relate directly to the question before us. This is a cash transfer bill. It doesn't have anything to do with the State Fair. But since it seems like we are going to be visiting for a minute, I'll tell you a quick story about Rule 2, Section 7. I've shared this story with Senator Chambers before. A couple of years ago we had a bill before us on whether registered Independents should be able to have access to partisan ballots in primaries. It was Senator McDonald's bill. And Senator Chambers used that bill to go off on a tirade about events in the Middle East and an allegation of sexual harassment in this building 20 or 30 years ago. It was one of the few days the Catholic Church got a pass. That's one reason it sticks in my mind. But we were off on all these different subjects. I picked up my rule book and went up to the front and started visiting with the Clerk, holding it, we've got this rule that