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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to benefit one city. Even if you like the representatives from and of that city, you owe something to the state at large. This is not the way some of my colleagues should leave here, having taken a vicious swipe at the constitution, turning priorities heels over head. Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, I will withdraw that pending motion.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to return LR 209CA to Select File for a specific amendment, FA1702. (Legislative Journal page 1657.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, to open on FA1702.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, for the record, on page 3, in line 10, again looking at this compulsive gamblers fund, I have argued that any of these funds which are established legislatively can be abolished legislatively. In the interest of being honest with the public, not misleading them into thinking this proposal offers something which, in fact, it does not, this is the kind of language that ought to have been included. But those who are pushing this constitutional proposal are not interested in anything except the State Fair, and they will have their guarantee. But after the word "Fund" in line 10 where it's talking about the compulsive gamblers fund, you would strike...let me make sure this is correct; it should be line 6 because I'm looking now at the Final Reading copy rather than what I had drafted earlier to something pending on Select File. On page 3, in line 6, you're talking about money being transferred to the gamblers assistance fund. I would say after that word "Fund" "which is hereby created." Then the sentence, "This provision is self-executing." meaning that in the same way that the State Fair Board is guaranteed its \$2 million or the 10 percent, whatever dollar amount it comes to, the gamblers fund will be created in the constitution. It would always exist. It would always get this money. Contrary to what Senator Landis suggested, I'm not merely saying that there is a