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list those out. But the issue of protection is my main concern. The issue of, hey, let's take a vote up or down on the State Fair, I think that can be done in other ways. But I just feel obligated to explain my ultimate objection to placing LR 209CA on the ballot. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I want to emphasize something that Senator Don Pederson pointed out. The State Fair Board is not a state agency. You will not guarantee money to any state agency, but you're guaranteeing it to an operation that is not a state agency. And Senator Redfield just pointed out in the statute where they don't even have to conduct a fair. Now if this language were in the constitution, would that stop the \$2 million from coming in? No. It's guaranteed. The \$2 million will continue to flow. Let's say that the economy becomes even worse than it is now. Let's say that people become more desperate. Maybe the casino measure does not receive approval from the public. But let's say there would be a category of people who would in desperation play the lottery because you are offered, although terribly unrealistic, the chance to win more money there on one play than any play you could make in a casino, whether it's on a card table, at a roulette wheel, the dice table, or the slot machines if they happen to be here, and money goes into the lottery fund and it continues to roll to the State Fair. The state realizes less in revenue from the sales and the income tax because people aren't making as much money. A source of revenue is taken off the table for the state, but the State Fair, regardless of the fiscal condition of the state itself, is guaranteed \$2 million every year and maybe more. I won't ask Senator Wehrbein a question that might be embarrassing for him to answer so I'll just make a statement. If we pass a budget bill as we did and we talk about the amount of money that will be spent a couple of years down the line, we can change that. We can reduce that amount and we've done it before. One year we say this is the amount that's going to be appropriated, but before the actual appropriation has to be made, we reduce the amount and that can