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committee. It was stalled on a 4-4 vote. We also introduced a trailer bill at that time to outline a process for negotiation. In the year 2001 then LR 6CA was introduced. It did receive a public hearing. It did have a lot of people come in, in support, and it had opponents from the antigambling coalitions, and the bill was held in committee on a 4 to 4 vote again. As you know, it was recently kicked out of committee. LB 909, a new trailer bill, was introduced and here we are today. I would like to ask that you seriously consider LR 6CA. I think it does a number of things for us. I know that there will be many questions during the course of our debate and I intend to try to answer them as completely and fully as I can. I think this is the best way to go if our intent is to allow the tribes...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...to have a source of revenue from which to fund their government and the services that they need to provide to their people. And this would allow them to do that. If we make it broader, if we talk about expanded gambling throughout the state, then the value diminishes for the tribes, although they could still benefit to some degree. So, with that, Mr. President, I would like to begin discussion of LR CA (sic--LR 6CA) and some of the issues that it addresses when I am up next. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on LR CA (sic--LR 6CA). Mr. Clerk, have amendments to...

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schimek, as primary introducer, has the option to present an amendment, FAB58. Senator, it's the one you gave me this morning. (Legislative Journal page 647.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on FAB58.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: If I might, I would like to move that down.

CLERK: I have nothing else pending to the bill, Senator.