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support that. I don't know when we'll put it on, but it looks to me like we're going to be on this constitutional amendment for some time. That's the way I feel. I'm sorry, but I have to protect my committee also and the members there. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, this is going from a good discussion to a better discussion. I mean, essentially, where we are right now is that we're faced with initiatives that present the possibility of casino gambling already to the public. We went over that yesterday. I hope everybody is convinced that casino gambling is on the ballot. It's just a question of whether this body is going to make an alternative suggestion to the public, and I hope that we will. And now you have probably the full gamut of what this body might do in front of you, or you will have. On the one hand, you can do nothing at all and continue to allow hundreds of millions of dollars worth of jobs, revenues, et cetera, go out of the state. The second alternative is to do Senator Schimek's LR 6 alternative in its naked form. That would limit casinos to the Indian reservations only. The third alternative is this amendment. It would seek to create an interdiction zone and limit casinos to five in number in that interdiction zone and hopefully have no casinos on the reservation. Then, finally, over here on the other side, is the committee's suggestion that LR 6 and LR 292 are all right if they're shaped by the additional requirement, this is the big item, as I understand from Ray there are two...two items he would like to talk about, but this is the big item, whether those propositions will then be further shaped by allowing racetracks to have casinos in addition. I don't know how many racetracks there are. How many are there, Ray? Five? Okay. So you would go from, hopefully, no more than five in an interdiction zone to the possibility of five in the interdiction zone and five at the racetracks, if I'm accurately portraying it. And I'm going to give a little bit of my time here to Senator Janssen because I don't want to misdescribe the alternatives here, but I want to get them clear in everybody's mind what they are. I think that's a fair way to have the debate. Senator Janssen, describe what the alternative would be