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SENATOR VRTISKA: And who gets any...who gets the...who gets any percent from the...what...from what they are able to have as profit off of these gaming machines.

SENATOR JANSSEN: The state would negotiate with different vendors, at, hopefully, at the best...at the best deal they could get, Senator.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. Well, those are some of the things I wasn't sure, and I read the bill, and I understand what the bill said. But as I indicated before, there's been a number of amendments come up and I...I wasn't sure how the amendments followed the bill, as far as who was in charge of, for example, the slot machines and the various devices that they're there for gambling. As you know, I've never supported...never been a big supporter of gambling, but I understand, and I do have a lot of sympathy for the Indians and their plight. And I make no...I make no apologies for accepting the fact that this is something that, if, in fact, if, in fact, it will provide a...a...some type of relief for some of the problems that the Indians are experiencing at the right time, I suspect it's the right thing to do. I wish there were other ways to do it, because my concern is, and I'll be quite honest with you, my concern comes around the fact that once doors open for gambling, eventually, I suspect, we'll have all kinds of gaming across the state. And if that's what the people want, then I guess it's their choice, because this will be something that'll be voted on by the...by the citizens of this state. And I suspect, in the long run, that that's the way it should be. I do accept the fact that, what Senator Beutler has said, the propositions that are being...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...amendm...that are being proposed by those who want to bring gaming in are probably, if there's anything that's worse, that's probably it. And I could not...I could not be...I could not be satisfied with some of these provisions that are being brought forth by those in the liquor business, and et cetera, who want to...who bring gambling, probably more for