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Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 14CA, a resolution introduced by Senator Schimek proposes an amendment to Article III, Section 24. The resolution was discussed yesterday, Mr. President. At that time when the Legislature adjourned, Senator Schimek had pending AM2401. (Legislative Journal page 497.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, due to the complexity of the bill, do you wish to review for a minute or so? You may, if you care to.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. As you probably recall, AM2401, as described yesterday is an amendment that would simplify the language that we are going to put into the constitution and would leave it to the Legislature at a later time, after the passage of the amendment, to put some of the detail in. And, you know, I guess many of us have had feelings one way or the other about how this should be done. But I guess over time I've come to feel that the fewer words that we can put in the constitution the better. This one would just say what the...what casino gaming includes as far as the kinds of games and then it would say that nothing in the constitution should be construed to keep the Legislature from authorizing up to eight casinos, if they so choose. And only the Legislature may authorize and may provide for the regulation, operation, and taxation of casinos. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek, for the review. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend. (FA1450, Legislative Journal page 525.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment to the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this amendment is hardly worth mentioning and so I'm going to