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to speak to the Chambers' amendment? Senator Labeledz. Senator Labeledz, do you wish to speak to the Chambers' amendment?

SENATOR LABEDZ: No.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: No, the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, have you closed on your amendment? The motion is on the Chambers' amendment to the Committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. What's the next order of business?

CLERK: Senator Chambers moves to amend the Committee amendments. (Read second Chambers' amendment as found on Page 1560 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this would be the second line 8 about the middle of the page, and a Class II misdemeanor, I'll tell you what the penalty on that would be. It would be a possible six months imprisonment and a possible \$1,000 fine, and what is being punished here would be a bet or a series of bets between \$300 and \$999, and if you are involved in that amount of gambling, I think the possibility of a \$1,000 fine and six months locked up is a sufficiently harsh penalty. So I'm asking that this punishment be changed from a Class I misdemeanor to a Class II misdemeanor. The Class I would give up to a year in jail, a \$1,000 fine or both, and I think in view of what the general thrust of the bill would be and in my opinion should be, this amount of time, the possible six months in jail, the \$1,000 fine for a bet between \$300 and \$999.99 is a sufficiently harsh penalty.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I believe you're absolutely correct, Senator Chambers, and I still have to oppose the