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SENATOR SMITH: I wanted to take a brief moment to answer Senator Beutler's concerns. Question was, shouldn't we maybe adopt or facilitate the casino gambling on Indian reservations in the state and, so far, I guess I have not heard that as an argument in committee or even since that hearing that that would be, you know, one of the good things of adopting that so we could pay for the problems created by the illustrious casinos across the river. And so I guess I'd be willing to discuss some of that, but I just don't see that as a valid argument and I think perhaps that is somewhat exploiting in nature based on the location of those casinos and other issues. I do want to point out that I will be the first one to introduce legislation to modify this funding source when the problem goes away and the funds are not needed, and I think that this particular action is built and is composed in a manner that will help the problem now, and if it goes away those revenues will go down as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Chambers, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was just saying to some of my colleagues in the culture corner that somebody should have warned me about this bill this morning. What is being offered is bigger in some cases than the bill itself. All I was going to do if anything was said on this bill was to let Senator Lynch and others know that I'd vote no just because I vote against gambling bills and that was all I was going to have to say. And now we have all of these other propositions, which people have a right to bring up, and maybe they're important enough to be considered at this point. I've got to make a comment to Senator Smith about my little rhyme. Usually we don't believe in ex post facto laws. That means you make something illegal after it has already happened. Usually, we put a law in place and say anything that happens from that point onward will be affected by it. So maybe it would be somewhat unfair for me to make Senator Smith the individual that I will make an announcement on about the "Christmas trees". He is not really trying to load this bill down with a lot of extraneous things because we're at the end of the session and there is no time for these other matters to be given