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respondents, it talks about community video slots, and it tells you that statewide voters would vote for that at that time, at that particular moment in time, 50 percent to 40 percent, 10 percent undecided. Now if you flip over a couple of more pages, or one more page, it talks about putting the casino proposal on the ballot. This jumps to 62 percent to 30 percent to 8 percent. So almost a two to one margin that people who were surveyed said that they would support a casino proposal.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. We are going to have a lot of time, I think, on this constitutional amendment, or proposed amendment, and I want to talk about just one of the things that Senator Schimek enumerated and I think she covered that well. And that is the first thing that she mentioned, the threat of an initiative drive, and the danger that that would have because there would be no restraint by the Legislature, and we would not have an opportunity to stick our greedy little hands in the pot. I shouldn't have said that because that kind of gives away my basic attitude towards this whole thing. But that's all right, the cat is out of the bag. I might as well tell you that I'm against this constitutional amendment, almost but not quite as much as I am against Senator Janssen's amendment. In essence, what Senator Schimek is saying is, act now, preempt the Supreme Court, get something on the ballot. I don't think that the people who have brought the suit on appeal to the Supreme Court are going to give up because we've done that. I think that the petition drive that was there now, you looked quizzically at me, Senator Schimek, and I thought I would just throw that in, they are going to go ahead with that because that is an initiative petition that is striking, really striking in the depths of the rapacity and the greed of the people who paid for it. We're going to preempt the Supreme Court? No, we're not. That initiative will stand or fall on the legal merits of it. And while there is a possibility that the Supremes will sing a different song, we just have to take that chance. They could very well say that that is a single subject, and that the petition should be put on the ballot. They could just as well, and I think they will,