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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Secondly, I wanted to bring a couple things on the agenda to the body's attention, if I could, please. At the bottom of the sheet, you'll notice at 11:50 we're going to take up LR 38, which needs to be done at this time. And it's not on the agenda, but at 11:40 we're going to take up those bills on Select File that have no amendments and that are clean, to process those bills that are listed under the Select File category on the agenda. So with that, recognize Senator Schimek to open on AM0560.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. This, I think, is pretty much of a technical amendment. When we merged these two bills, we should have probably made sure that the language was consistent throughout. And so one of the things this bill does is change the phrase "gaming" to "casino gaming" so that it is consistent throughout the bill. Another thing that it does is it makes the definition of casino gaming the same in all parts of the bill. And it changes the wording at the bottom of page 3, that wording that we've been talking about all morning. And that's probably the significant one, because a lot of people had questions on that. On line 25, where it says "revenue" it would say "state tax revenue," so that it would make it clear what revenue that we are talking about. And I think that it would be appropriate for us to make these changes to make the language more consistent. And actually, Senator Brashear, I think you have...I mean, you raise some legitimate points when you talk about language that we put in our constitution. And I do have problems with putting things in that are too detailed. On the other hand, I'm hearing from people on this floor, in almost every argument, that they want more detail in different parts of it. So it's really a careful balancing act. I even heard you, Senator Brashear, wanting more detail about what "facilities" are. Well, I do need to remind everybody that no matter what we do here this year as far as passing a constitutional amendment, there will have to be a trailer bill developed which will outline some of these more specific details. And it would be my hope and my wish that we would introduce that bill next session, early next session, so that we can act on those details and so that before the people