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one mile is too long, or we have too many locations, or too little locations, then the Legislature has the ability to address those problems without having to change our constitution. I guess that points out another advantage to this proposal, it's flexibility. I believe that flexibility is a vital thing. It is important that the Legislature has the ability to address changes that might occur in the gaming industry due to technology, demographics of the state, and the actions of surrounding states. This amendment is short, to the point, puts the ability to regulate the...regulate it in the Legislature, and provides the flexibility to address anything that doesn't work without having to go back and change the constitution. What I want to close with is I believe that the people of the state desire and deserve the opportunity to vote on this issue. And I will abide with whatever that choice is. I believe that is the responsible, it's responsibility, it's responsible of this body to determine what would provide the best long-term proposal for the people of the state to decide on. And I believe that that is this proposal, LR 11CA. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Janssen. The Chair would recognize Senator Janssen to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. The committee amendment does not change the intent of the resolution. The new amendment would replace the original language with the following: The Legislature may authorize and regulate casino-style gaming. Such casino-style gaming shall include games of chance played for money, credit, or any representative of value using cards, dice, equipment, player-activated electronic, video, or mechanical gaming devices, and other methods authorized by the Legislature. It also changes the ballot language to reflect that the vote will be on casino-style gaming rather than games of chance. Again, this amendment clearly...just merely clarifies the language. It provides a clearer ballot language as well. This is the language that was already adopted in Senator Schimek's bill on a vote of 30 to 0. Thank you. With that, I'd answer any questions.