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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that is prohibited to the Legislature. We can effect...in effect, do anything. It doesn't have to be in a casino. It only has to be casino-style, but casino-style is any game of chance, and it doesn't even matter how you do it. It's any method of doing any game of chance because the Legislature is authorized to create additional methods if it so chooses. So I don't think that LR 14 was too verbose in any way. It could be amended to better suit the majority feeling in here. This one we could also work to amend to bring the bills closer together. But, Senator Stuhr, when I indicate that I think more time is necessary, it's simply because there is not a lobby working to get people together to help us...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...form a bill here. We have to do it ourselves and that takes more time, our time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. That was your third time, Senator. And, Senator Janssen, I failed to tell you that was your third time also. Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to make a few comments about the amendment. In many ways, I think the amendment is an improvement to the bill. I am going to support the amendment, but it isn't critical, in my view at this point, to vote on the bill. The second part of the amendment that strikes "games of chance" and inserts "casino-style" gambling...or "gaming", I should say, is a...in my view, that's a narrowing of the application of the bill. In the constitution, as it stands right now, we have the language "games of chance" and, if we don't adopt this amendment, one could argue that all games of chance that have been prohibited by the constitution are now allowed, if we adopt this amendment and place it in the constitution, which could be many other things other than casino-type gaming. So I think this is a limiting amendment that is a good thing to do if you're concerned about throwing gaming open too much. I think you