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Affairs Committee to LR 11CA. The question before the body, adoption of those committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the adoption of the committee amendments. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 0 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are not adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is by Senator Janssen. Senator Janssen would move to amend with AM0656. (Legislative Journal page 714.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on AM0656 to LR 11CA.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. The amendment that you have before you right now, AM0656, is the agreement that the parties, in meeting yesterday, came to understand that something like this was going to have to be done in order for us to move the bill ahead. If you can bring it up on your screen, and I will read it to you and try to explain it a little further. For the purposes of this subsection, gaming means any game of chance played with cards, dice, equipment, or a machine for money, credit, or any representative of value. Nothing in the Constitution of Nebraska shall be construed to prohibit or restrict gaming operated by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Nebraska when such gaming is conducted in accordance with federal law. This probably wouldn't have to have been in there, but we wanted to put it in because if gaming, Class III type of gaming, is allowed, the federally recognized tribes that were recognized in, I think it's 1988, will be able to negotiate with...or compact with the state of Nebraska and have this type of gaming on their reservations. Now, whether they want to do that or not, that's entirely up to them. But I know of one tribe, the Santee Sioux, that will take advantage of this immediately, because they are the ones that are sitting back with the small casino that I had mentioned the