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responding to the expansion of gambling and the problems and the challenges that expansion of gambling brings to local economies. And I hope that their concerns would be dealt with in good faith. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I listened carefully to what Senator Beutler said. And I want to try and weave myself into the positive consideration of this. First of all, I want to state a basic premise. The people have been talking about this, and we have been working with this forever. So I make no apology to Senator Beutler or anybody else for whatever time we consume dealing with this issue that seems to be of such grave and great concern to so many people. Let's talk about it. We want a debate? Let's have a debate. Let the people feel fully satisfied that we've exhausted the subject. I don't think we ought to rush, because as I said to somebody earlier, I'm not certain that we'll be able to talk this long about cutting the operation of government. I don't think we can talk this long about revenue. So let's take whatever time we need to definitively and dispositively handle this issue of such great importance that it's been talked about forever. Now...but I'll try not...I'm not trying to be obstreperous. So let me just highlight, as I go down, I got this amendment when you all did, this morning. I say again, I appreciate the work of those who worked on it. I'll get off of the horse racing. But what I'm trying to say is, we got to decide whether simulcasting with machines and equipment is a casino or it isn't a casino. Fine. It's either, we've got five of them now, or we haven't. And if somebody somewhere really suspects that what we're really going to do is have three of them that are and two of them that aren't, then tell me, and let's talk about how we describe that. The next point is, just in passing, we got the same issue with bingo, if you get into machines and equipment in subpart (b). We got the issue with bingo. But I won't beat it to death. All right. So let's then go into the amendment proper, AM0656. Where we are talking about the constitution and making certain that we comply with federal law as it relates to Indian gaming, I just want to raise an issue, in the sense of good faith debate, that I've had some