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situation is more persuasive than the apprehensions of those who have never experienced the situation. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I wanted to rise one more time to speak real briefly to this issue, and then I'm going to move on. I promise I'm going to keep my seat because the debate, to me, is fascinating, and this is what it's all about. The fact is I wanted to relate to you one more story about the campaign. There were a lot of folks who were involved in campaigns this last time around. This just happened to be one story that I think you'll find interesting. Several of the doors that I mentioned that I knocked on, I believe that I mentioned a quarter of the doors, that's my...that was my projection, folks that really believed that they deserved a right to vote on this particular issue, I think they are right. The fascinating part about the Unicameral, to me, is...one of the things, obviously, is that it's the only in this nation. And to me, it's a grass roots situation that gives the people in this state a legislative option. We are a representative form of government in this country, that's understood. But we're the only Unicameral in this 50 states. The people in this state have understood, and I think we're not giving them enough credit, if we don't think that they understand, the fact that they have a say on certain issues when it comes to particular pieces of legislation. This is one of them. One hundred and seventy thousand signatures on a petition, look, I'm telling you I believe that, only half joking here, tongue in check, if there were 170,000 signatures to have my head put on a pipe, we'd be voting on that amendment right now. This is extremely crucial. These people out there, a 24 percent voting rate last time around, 24 percent of the people in District 10 voted; 24 percent of the people that are registered to vote. That is pathetic. The people do not feel like they have a voice in this state; I would venture to say throughout the nation. If we want them to have less of a voice, let's open up the Warner Chamber right now, let's move over there, and then we'll go hire a bunch of representatives to sit in here, and then they won't have any voice at all. I don't know how I feel about casino gambling. I