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keno and so forth is level two, and that that's been used by cities for community betterment. How is this affected? Some question about electronic use of it, would that be part of enabling legislation or, you know? Because we're just simply at this stage dealing with the constitutional amendment. We're not dealing with, you know, with enabling legislation. Where do you see keno as part of this whole aspect of it?

SENATOR SCHIMEK:        This constitutional amendment, Senator Hartnett, speaks only to casinos. It doesn't talk about any other kind of gambling establishments. So you are...what you're doing with a constitutional amendment regarding gambling is making an exception...

SENATOR HARTNETT:      Okay, yeah.

SENATOR SCHIMEK:        ...to the antigambling provisions that are out there, and we're making the exception in this amendment and bill that we're talking about for just casinos so it doesn't affect keno operations at all. And...and I would go on to say that it would depend, in part, on how many casinos we ever decided to license in the state, you know? If we just did one, I don't think it'd have much impact. If we did eight, it might have some impact, no question.

SENATOR HARTNETT:      Yeah. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK:        You're welcome.

SPEAKER BROMM:        Thank you, Senator Hartnett and Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have often spoken against all gambling. I have shown what I see as an inconsistency on the part of my colleagues, who go for bingo, lotteries, pickle cards, keno, because the churches and those they think are good people do that. So using something evil for good is violating the cardinal principle that the end does not justify the means, but when they're going to put some money in their church coffers it's okay. I mentioned that when...before I became more sophisticated about gambling as a