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well-drafted piece of legislation. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you light is next. You may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think I can finish what I want to say on the bill at this time with this go-around. Any committee that lets the prosecutors draft legislation for it is not doing its job. Any committee that lets prosecutors persuade them to bring a piece of trash like this out of here...out of that committee is not doing its job. This bill is not understood by those who say they support it. They don't even know what's in it. And when we get on Select File, I'm going to ask questions of the committee members, the ones who support this bill, and I'm going to see how much they know is in it and how much they understand. Senator Kruse has already told us the prosecutors did a lot of the work. So the committee members take their word for it, and that's why we can't get questions answered. You ask a direct question, and the answer is, well, my intention is. But we want to know, based on this language, what is going on. So those defending it don't know what is meant by the language, so they always have to fall back on what the intent is. If those incompetent prosecutors told the Chairman of the Transportation Committee and his committee counsel did not know how to draft a criminal statute, then I think incompetence is the word that fits all of them. And I think it's appropriate that a bunch of them run out of here with ALEC tomorrow and do what they can do; go to the Venetian Hotel, go with that right-wing organization, let them pay you to get out of here and let the Legislature shut down early. And when we should be dealing with legislation as serious as this, people cannot take time, but they can find time to run off to Las Vegas, paid for by a right-wing organization. And that is responsible behavior for a Legislature? Well, I just said they're staying at the Venetian Hotel. I know good and well they are not going to stay at the Venetian Hotel. I'm being sarcastic. That is so outlandish, outrageous and out of the question, that's why I say it. Why wouldn't I say they're staying at the Venetian Hotel? Because these people who operate that are trying to lobby the Legislature to pass a certain piece of legislation relative to gambling, and I know not one of my colleagues is dumb enough, not one of my colleagues is