

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

April 2, 2003

LR 11

already have expanded gambling along those two-mile interdiction zones that we talked about in another bill. And when you start putting them statewide, then you get casinos in areas where people don't have as ready access to them, perhaps, and you probably will have more social problems because of it. So that concerns me. I don't know whether to support this or not, although theoretically I support it a great deal. But practically, did we make a decision on General File? Was that a consensus kind of decision? I don't know. I guess I'll leave it up to this body to decide whether it was or not. I would really like to get to the Pederson amendment. And I think perhaps, though, I'll just turn my light on another time and get to that, because we ought to concentrate on what we're doing here. With that, Mr. President, I would return my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Janssen, on the Bromm amendment, AM1139.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Yeah, the number of eight was...that is something that I suggested that we needed when we had the compromise before General File on LR 11CA. What it looks like to me is we're going back to what LR 11CA initially was in the first place, which would be giving the Legislature complete control over what's happening. But if you read the way the bill is now, without the amendment, the Legislature would still have that option. The number eight was put in place upon my suggestion, so that we would not exclude the western part of our state. I felt as though we did need that number, because the tracks would have been included in that, and that would have given us the option of putting at least one out west to accommodate those folks. And arguably, there is a good location in the western part of the state for this type of an operation. And...but the way the amendment is now, we still have the control over how many we would allow in the state. The way I understand it now, the racetracks would not be included in the number four, because of the fact that they would automatically be in. Senator Pederson, could I carry on a little conversation with you? Senator Don Pederson?