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petition if we didn't go forward and act with something to be put before the public as to, here's what we're going to do. And I think that's what's missing right now, is the fact that nobody has gone forward giving the people an opportunity to vote on anything.

SENATOR JONES: Okay. Well, thank you. And I appreciate that explanation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Mr. Clerk, priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill until April...11, Senator? Is that...April 4,...excuse me, I don't have it in front of me...2003.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your bracket motion to April 4.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to withdraw this motion. But I have to get something into the record at the beginning, and make it clear what it is that I'm doing, in case anybody is interested. I have railed against the evils of gambling. And I haven't changed my mind. I have talked about how wrong the state is to have a lottery, and serve as the house. I haven't changed my mind on that. But one thing I have changed my mind on. It would not be good to have a petition put a proposition on the ballot. I've always felt that way. But here's where my mind has changed. I was not convinced that the various gambling interests, who would pay circulators, spend money on advertising to make their petition a success, I wasn't convinced they could get together and submerge some of their individual differences and not try to put every little thing that each one wants, which would create such a fractured proposal that it might not have a chance to get enough support, broadly speaking, to get on the ballot. I am convinced that the money is out there. They can hire circulators, and they will. And they can pay them any amount they choose for every signature. That's how they got term limits on the ballot. I'm convinced that a petition, in