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process, I think that this is beneficial to the state to have that opportunity. There are innumerable things that have been benefiting other segments of our state which would never have a casino because there isn't a sufficient population base. But this just brings up to current standards what is being done now. And it will allow those communities to benefit from that. I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Bromm, who was a cosigner of this amendment. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Bromm. Thank you, Senator Pederson.

SPEAKER BROMM: How much time is there, Mr. President? How much time do I have?

SENATOR VRTISKA: About three...eight minutes. Excuse me.

SPEAKER BROMM: Eight minutes? (Laugh) Okay.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Almost eight minutes.

SPEAKER BROMM: I want to first of all thank Senator Pederson for allowing me to include my amendment for the four...limit of four into his amendment. I think that probably is a better parliamentary way to approach this, because my reason for it is that I feel like...and some could view his amendment as increasing the opportunities for gaming if local communities choose to vote to approve that with the local option on keno and gaming. And this balances that out to some extent by reducing the overall number of casinos. It, again, is permissive with the Legislature. It is controlled by the Legislature. And let me say that in 11 years, I can remember some of the most stinging speeches against gambling that I heard delivered on this floor by Senator Chambers. He has called...a play on words here...a spade a spade when it comes to the gambling issue, more than once. And I understand that, and I respect that. And I don't think that I am that much different spc on that issue than he is. But his words are...I think speak for themselves the very best. He is saying, I think gaming is bad, I think gambling is bad. He is saying, however, I'm a state senator, I have the responsibility to the people and to the policy that's enacted here. The petition method of dealing with this issue is