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why I didn't want to divide the question because I thought we'd already discussed it, but I understand Senator Beutler's desire to do it this way. So I would simply say that that's the purpose of this, is to authorize the Legislature to do enabling legislation. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Don Pederson. We are now on the first part of the divided question. We will continue the debate on that portion of the divided question. Senator Johnson. He waives the opportunity to speak on the first component. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question has been called. The motion is, shall debate cease? All in favor of debate ceasing on the first component vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Pederson, you're recognized to close on the first component of the divided question, FA1258.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, we've had, I think, good discussion concerning this. This premise is based on the fact that we already have gaming in Nebraska in the form of lottery, in the form of keno, in the form of many charitable ventures, bingo, things of that nature. We also have racetrack betting and many, many, many of our citizens go into the state of Iowa to gaming. So there's no...there is not an issue of whether or not we should have gaming. It's how we can structure this. And the purpose of this legislation is to enable this Legislature to be the one that controls enabling legislation. If this goes on to the amend...on to the constitution, then it will come back to a subsequent Legislature to make the rules and regulations. You may decide, as a Legislature, not to make any changes in the way things are, but