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started out for very few casinos. But I think we've struck up a balance on this on General File, and I think we got to stick to it, that it represents the best compromise that we could possibly come to. And so I'm going to vote against the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. There has been sufficient debate. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the second component of the divided question, which is FA1259 to LR 11CA? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? We're voting on ceasing debate. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Pederson, you may close on the second component if you care to.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm very concerned, and as I alluded on the division of the question, because I believe that the first part would be complimented by the second part. So I think that for that reason, I am not going to vote to reduce the number of casinos from eight to four. I think that it was all-encompassing. The intention was to benefit the balance of the state, and if this is the only way it can be done by retaining eight, I guess that that's the way it will have to be. So I will advise you that I am planning to vote against this particular division of the question. Since this was initially proposed by Senator Bromm, if he wishes to say anything in this regard, I would yield the balance of my time to him.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Pederson, and my amendment was intended to counterbalance or offset the language in Senator