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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay, thank you, that clears it for me.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Schimek asked a question about what the revenue lost by having the exemption for newspapers. From talking to committee counsel, that's somewhere between 3 and 4 million dollars that that exemption on sales tax loses the state for revenue. And I talked to committee counsel, so I wanted to share that. I turn back my time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Janssen, I have just one question, if I might.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Your definition of casino advertising indicates that it would include the purchase of any product or media time or space to sell or promote the activities of the casino. And I assume you intend to include in there any activity of a casino, that is if, as they do in many advertisements that advertises Harrah's will advertise their great restaurant. Come to our casino. They may not say anything about the gambling tables, or whatever, but just advertising the restaurant. But if that advertisement is a Harrah's advertisement and that is all it does, it is an activity of the casino and is intended to be included in your amendment. Would that be correct?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes, Senator Beutler, in my opinion it would be because it is paid for by a casino, and part of that casino is their restaurant. So, which has, if you've ever been there, they are right next to that eating establishment. Now I don't know if there are slot machines within that restaurant or not but it is...that it is paid for by that gambling concern, then it would be taxed, yes.