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SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Hartnett would move to amend. Senator, I have a note you want to withdraw AM1624 and offer as a substitute AM1836. (Legislative Journal page 1736.)

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's correct, Mr. Clerk. Mr. President, members of the body, what this does is that the other day in kind of a period of frustration we added an amendment to the bill, Senator Janssen, I think he agrees with pulling this out, that put advertising into this piece of legislation, and we have an Attorney General's Opinion, and advertising has not worked. We've had it. Three states have tried it. They've all repealed it and it's Arizona, Florida, and Iowa have repealed it. It hurts small business. My first amendment was going to do with radio stations and television. This broadens it all to all types of advertising because they can use the national system and it simply...it's a cost of doing business. If you have a tax, business will simply lower their amount of money that they put on their advertising. So it simply repeals something that we did the other day, and so I'd just ask for the adoption of this amendment to strike this provision from the legislation.

SENATOR ENGEL: Is that it?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, that's it.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Janssen, on the Hartnett amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, this amendment essentially removes the amendment which I added to the General...on General File. That amendment was AM1376 to this bill which would tax casino advertising. And I'm asking and I'm agreeing with Senator Hartnett on his amendment, I cosigned that amendment also, to remove that amendment for a couple of reasons. First, there have been various questions raised by the Department of Revenue where they were regarding some implementations of this provision and that probably troubled me more than the opinion that has been issued.