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of the tribes in AM2401. We also were confining to a small geographical area. Now we've opened it up to the entire state. Also, it does not mention where the revenue is and how it is to be shared, and I think that's certainly a very, very important aspect of any bill, particularly LR 14CA. For those reasons, I would ask that you would stand with me and overrule the Chair's ruling on the germaneness of this AM2401. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on the motion by Senator Jensen to overrule the Chair's decision on the germaneness issue. Each senator can talk one time on the motion. Senators lights that were on, Senator Janssen, yours was the next light. Did you wish to address that particular motion?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes, Senator Cudaback. Thank you. Senator Jensen, I respect you as a colleague and as a friend, but I believe in this case you are a little off base. If (laugh) in this I don't know how more germane you could be when we're talking about this subject. Gambling is gambling. I don't care if you're out shooting marbles for a penny, or if you're placing a \$100,000 bet on a roulette wheel, it is gambling. Same section the other one was in. There will...there are restrictions. The restrictions will be in this body. We will have control. The revenues will come back to the General Fund to help fight addiction that happens when you have any kind of gambling. People can get addicted on anything. I was addicted to chocolate, for heaven's sake. That will kill you. You're going to have...we have the problems associated with this now, but I don't want to talk about that. I want to talk about the germaneness of this bill. If we rule this amendment is not germane, then everything that happens on this floor can be scrutinized for germaneness. We're going slow this year the way it is, and if this happens, Katy, bar the door, we're not going to get anything done. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Cunningham, did you wish to address? Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Tyson. He waives off. Senator Erdman, he waives the opportunity speak. Senator Schimek.