

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

February 4, 2004 LR 14

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...putting this thing on the ballot. I don't see that happening. People that come here have a broad range of interests who represent many, many different kinds of districts and geographical dispersion of areas. We will bring all points of view to this body. This is the melting pot. This is where we should regulate, control, and define what is going to happen in this particular area, and that will happen if we put this on the ballot and if it should be approved. If it's not approved, then the people have certainly had an opportunity to vote on something that makes sense. Whether it's three casinos, five or eight, it really doesn't matter to me, as long as it's sensible and can be controlled by the Legislature. I do...I do oppose, just from the culture of our state, having widespread slot machines in every town and bar and casino parlor throughout the state, and I...or keno parlor throughout the state. I would be very...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...worried about that. This does not do that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Tyson, on the Schimek amendment to LR 14CA.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Back on the same subject again. It is apparent to anyone, need not be proven, that is, that if you have a dollar bill that is your fortune, you can do what you want with that dollar bill one time. Once you have spent it or invested it or, pay close attention now, wagered it, it is gone. All of us have a certain amount of dollar bills and we have to spend them where we think it is to our best interest to do so. So we pay the house payment, or we pay the car payment, or we buy groceries, or we go to the movie, or we go to a restaurant, or we go to a casino. Now, the casino is set up on the basis that you can do what you want over there, but you cannot, in the long run, win, because the games are so ruled that they are going to keep at least the handle. If you play roulette, they can vary the odds greatly. I woke up one