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LR 14CA would be LR 11CA with the exception that it now says you've got to have only eight. LR 11CA says you can have as many as you want. So do whatever you will. This is not a dog that I have in the fight. But I figure this is an opportunity to look at the language and make recommendations, as I'm allowed to under the rules of the Legislature. And should I tried to filibuster the bill, I would have not offered an amendment that I thought was agreeable, Senator Schimek, but rather one that would have been a little less intelligent, maybe, would probably be a fair way to put it. So from the standpoint of what FA1449 is, FA1449 is an attempt on my behalf to look at the language and say, is there a better way to do this? Because realistically, if you take what's in AM2401, it's almost the same exact thing as LR 11CA, which again is on Select File because of a flawed attempt to return it for an amendment in the hopes that 10 of you...10 percent of you would change your mind. And so the difference between what you're being asked to vote for on AM2401 and what's on Select File is the fact that the tribes are not specifically outlined in the constitution, and that there is a limit in this proposal that is not in the other one. Other than that, we're just doing the same thing all over again that Senator Schimek opened with originally on. Deja vu, here we are. So FA1449 is not intended to be a delay tactic. It is rather an attempt to see if there's agreement that this could be written clearer. In the event that the body says no, so be it. And Senator Friend knows what he has quoted in the past in regards to how this issue would affect his decision in the future. And in the event that this amendment does not pass, that would be the same approach that I would have to this proposal, as far as what it can do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Beutler. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the Erdman amendment, FA1449? All in favor of the motion to cease debate vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate on the Erdman amendment. Have you all voted who care to? The question before the body is ceasing debate on the Erdman amendment to the Schimek amendment. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.