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SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. Members, please hold the noise down please. Thank you. I do raise the call. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to speak on AM2401.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I won't waste much of your time, because I think we are wasting time here. Senator Louden wants three in the Mountain time zone. Senator Johnson wants one in Omaha. I'd like to see them at our horse tracks. What a novel idea, gambling at racetracks. But the fact of the matter is, there's 30 or 35 votes to put something on the ballot, but we don't agree on what that is, so you're not going to get the votes, and we're wasting time. The people with the petitions are going to have their way, and the people behind the glass are smiling. I'm not going to waste any more of your time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend Senator Schimek' amendment. (AM2464, Legislative Journal page 516.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the Schimek amendment to LR 14CA.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I stand to introduce AM2464. And it's rather straightforward and simple. The Legislature shall provide for the submission of the question of whether to authorize a casino location in a particular county to the registered voters of such county prior to authorizing a casino location in such county. So basically, if the county doesn't want a casino, they would have the right as voters to reject the idea. If some wise folks from Las Vegas think that it's best for the citizens of an area of Nebraska to place a casino there, they would have the right to reject that notion. And so it's fairly straightforward, and I urge its adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on AM2464, offered by Senator Smith to the Schimek