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I've indicated in the past, I, for one, would not be doing this but for the development of gambling in...on the edges of our state border, and the development of initiatives and what I think is the clear, evermore clear indication on the part of constituency groups that they do, in fact, want a vote on this issue. And it's very hard for me to say that on an issue of this nature I am in a position to deny the people of my district the right to say yes or no on this particular issue. But I wanted to go back and focus just a moment on one of the proposed petition drives, which is called Proposition 1, which purports to change the same article of the Constitution, Article III, Section 24, that is being dealt with in this particular amendment before you which has been introduced by Senator Schimek. But I think it makes some sense to reiterate and to emphasize the broadness and the potential damage that might ensue if a proposition of this character did happen to be voted favorably upon by the people of this state in frustration with its Legislature. It starts out by saying a community may authorize the operation of games of chance. A community may authorize. The state, under this particular proposition, apparently would not have much to do with whether a gambling existed here or there or anywhere. So it would be each community that would decide. And you tell me how would that go. Might it go, for example, like the states have gone where each state could decide, and then when one does it, the one next door does it, citing the loss of revenues and the competition, so that then most states are doing it till then there are very few states that are not doing it because of the pressure that's created? Would not that very same thing happen with respect to this petition drive as you go community by community? We've only gotten two words into the definition and you already have one major problem that indicates to you that the likely result will be games of chance authorized in every community across the state.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And the curious thing is that they play with local jurisdictions also. Because a community is not just a city or a community is not just a county, but they play off counties against cities. And a community under the definition