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they're spending \$100,000 or \$200,000, they're not going to drop the ball. It's like a business investment. They're going to follow through. They're going to follow through with that. And so I guess I have changed my mind. I think that this body should pass a reasonable idea, and I think that's what Senator Schimek has, is a reasonable idea--eight casinos. We don't decide where they're at, or we haven't decided yet. And that is true when we do pass most constitutional amendments. We have enabling legislation afterwards. And my concern is that if we do do this, when I spoke before, is that we do have some money set aside for compulsive gamblers. Will the number go up? I don't know. It's already there. But I think that we should move ahead and have the Legislature have some control. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Smith, on the Beutler amendment. Senator Smith waives the opportunity to speak. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I'd like to call the question, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is ceasing debate on the Beutler amendment, AM2401...excuse me, the Schimek amendment. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call...or to cease debate, excuse me, to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does...debate does cease. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close on AM2401.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm not going to speak long on the amendment. You have heard a preview and a review and a summing up of this amendment several times over the course of the last two days. I would just like to say that I appreciate the willingness of the body to wait, to take this vote at this time. I don't know how many of you have had the opportunity to look outside, but it is coming down