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eight, would pass, or maybe even casinos at one, would ultimately be adopted by the people. Would it then...is it your intent to follow up with legislation then to only allow it on reservations and nowhere else?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.

SENATOR SMITH: Because certainly that could be done, right?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, Senator. It will be automatic that the tribes have the right to come and compact with the state, no matter what we do, period. If it passes and casino gaming statutes are open, then they have that right. Now, to your...to the rest of your question, I think, the Legislature would decide whether we authorize any at all of that eight number. The tribal question is completely separate.

SENATOR SMITH: So at such time that it's back in the Legislature's hands, perhaps, those of our colleagues who say, I'm opposed to gambling but I want the people to decide, could still say no. Is that accurate?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: They could.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And...now, let's go back to...I'm trying to, I guess, get an analysis of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...and perhaps maybe not in 60 seconds, but...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator, I've got my light on too, so maybe we can continue the discussion.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. What I would like to hear is why the reservations are so important, rather than maybe more populated areas. And maybe it's their right. But certainly I would be very curious to know why they should have the right to casinos when perhaps other parts of the state wouldn't. Thank you, Mr. President.