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lot of sense, I'm glad you explained it to me. So thank you, Pat Loontjer, for doing that for me and giving me that opportunity, because I've won a lot of people over to my opinion, and by and large I guess I haven't spoken a lot on the floor because mostly I've been talking in my district about it. I agree, gambling is a bad thing. There's a lot of problem gamblers. We're not talking at this point today about how many casinos, where they're going to go. We're just talking about getting it on the ballot in a controllable form that the Legislature will have control of. My interest is with Senator Landis' point of view. That is, we need a consensus. What do we get 30 votes with to get it on the ballot to do the right thing? We don't try to derail each other. And hopefully, people are not being disingenuous with this, and we are going down a path that's going to lead somewhere, instead of a blind, dead-end alley. And Senator Landis alluded to that, and I would hope that's not where we're headed. It would be a colossal waste of time. We've got to do something. And I see Senator Chambers has come back to the floor. And to quote the Holy Bible, come, let us reason together. And I think we're doing that this morning. And I'm accepting everything at face value, that we are not being disingenuous, that we really are trying to come to a consensus. So I take that as a positive. I understand that we are picking up more votes with this amendment. And if that's true, that's a positive thing. That's moving in the direction that I would like to see the body move into, and that's to have some consensus. I think it would be a shame if we let our opportunity go by,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...not to have something there that we are in control of. And again, given the choice, we'll have the opportunity to talk about what we put on the ballot also. So we won't just have all one-sided, with their three over here, and then we can't come to a consensus and we have nothing. I can tell you now, the votes are there; they're going to win. It's foolish to put all our eggs in one basket. We have to give something else to them to vote on besides the three that they are going to have. And I think we're putting our head in the sand to pretend it's not going to happen. So I thank Senator