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Governor should direct the Attorney General to terminate any and all legal action aimed at challenging the decision reached by the Eighth Circuit. And if the Governor does not do it, if the Attorney General, as a lawyer, does not give the Governor that advice, the Attorney General is treading close to unethical conduct. The Attorney General and no lawyer, in zealously defending a client,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is required to tell that client to fight a losing cause, knowing that the cause is lost, knowing that only more damage can be done by proceeding. I want what I've said to be a matter of record, and now that it is, I will say that what's happening on the gambling front is sound and fury, signifying nothing, because all those propositions might get on the ballot and all of them may be adopted by the public. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First of all, I have not entered into any of the discussion yet this morning but I've been listening very carefully to the comments that have been made. And one of the things that I would like to echo is the comments that our Speaker, Senator Bromm, had made before and probably a lot of you do not remember what he had stated. We've been kind of away from that for a little while. But the thing that concerns me is, yes, we have this amendment here, and it's for one, but I really truthfully think one is part of eight. There is one in eight, and I think we ought to really think about that. When you get it down to narrowing it down to just one and putting that in, yes, maybe that's the right thing to do, but that, I feel, can be done because that's part of the eight. I'd also like to comment a little bit about, you know, we have a lot of these petitions that are coming on. There is a lot of emphasis put on by special interest groups, people in the communities that really want to see something on the ballot. And, truthfully, I think there is going to be something on the