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that percentage is very high on the fact that they want to vote for it. Maybe they want to vote against it, but they still want the opportunity to go to the polls and vote. And I think it's imperative that this body get off dead center, get something on the ballot before something happens you're not going to like. Thank you. Thank you, Senator Schimek, for the time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek and Senator Janssen. (Visitor introduced.) You've heard the opening on FA1478, offered by Senator Schimek to the Smith amendment, AM2670, to LR 14CA. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I would ask for a ruling on germaneness on FA1478.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, would you state why you think it isn't germane?

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I believe that it's bringing in too many issues into one amendment. There is certainly the local vote section that would apply. But the number of casinos, I believe, is not germane to the amendment of AM2670.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Schimek, would you like to address his points, his germaneness issue?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Mr. President and members, I believe this amendment is germane. The Smith amendment deals with a county vote, and this amendment also deals with a county vote. So I don't know how it can get any more germane than that. In fact, that's one of the reasons why we chose this particular amendment to file the amendment on, because we felt that it was germane, and it entertained the same kind of topic. And so, Mr. President, I would submit that it's about as germane as it can get.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Smith, the Chair will consider the amendment germane, as it does relate to the specific subject. So the Chair does determine that the