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most votes and everything in all of the others. So it will give the courts something interesting to address. But I don't know that the Legislature putting something on the ballot is in any way going to affect the public, because that gives the public too much credit. That is saying that these people are going to read each one of these propositions, the language that describes it, and say, I think I'll go along with what the Legislature put on the ballot. Probably there will be a yes vote for anything that relates to legalizing gambling by those who want to do such a thing, a no vote against every one of them. Those who are opposed to having legalized gambling in this state will not vote for a proposition, even if it's put on the ballot by the Legislature. That's just one person's opinion. But on this matter, I think the Chair made the proper ruling. I'd like to ask a question of Senator Beutler. Oh, I don't see him. I believe the Chair's ruling was that the motion...or the amendment of Senator...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Senator Schimek's amendment was germane. I'd like to ask her a question, and she can just nod.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was the ruling, Senator Schimek, that your amendment is germane? Thank you. She said yes. That's what I'm supporting. The Chair ruled that it is germane, and I believe the Chair is correct, regardless of what the subject matter is. I'm just looking strictly at the way this germaneness rule is going to be dealt with. But Senator Beutler was right. If you overrule the Chair on this one and require a very rigid interpretation of the germaneness rule, you play right into my hands, and "time is on my side"; just 30 days. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Smith, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on your motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator