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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the closing on FA1479 to AM2670 to LR 14CA. Question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is FA1479. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful, and I do raise the call.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to Senator Smith's AM2670 is by Senator Schimek, FA1480. (Legislative Journal page 724.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, to open on your amendment to AM26...I'm sorry. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It's okay, Mr. President...

SENATOR CUDABACK: How could I get mixed up on that?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and members. Schimek and Smith sound a little bit alike. This, members, is exactly the same amendment that we had up before, but because of a misunderstanding, I guess, we didn't have the strike the prevailing language of the Smith amendment. I said that it did, but it didn't, so we withdrew it, and this is the same amendment. And let me just remind you what it does. It strikes the number eight casinos and inserts five. It adds the language that says that if we're going to have an authorization for a casino by a Legislature for a casino location, then the voters of the county in which such casino location is authorized shall either approve or disapprove casino gaming in such county. And then it also talks about the fact that the Legislature does the authorization. In the language of the bill, it talks about taxation and it talks about oversight and so forth, but it doesn't talk about authorization. And then it goes on to add that these things would be true whether casino gaming is authorized under this section or by initiative measure. And that is the basic bare-bones explanation. I have to tell you that we tried to talk with