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they've already announced that are reasonable. I ask for the adoption of the committee amendment, and that we get on with the matter of the important public issues that Senator Chambers will place before us in the form of amendments to the bill itself. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LR 209. All in favor of the adoption of those amendments please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendments are adopted. Next item on the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA1534. (Legislative Journal page 908.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, gambling is an evil, whether it's done by the churches, veterans associations, Las Vegas, New Jersey, the state of Nebraska. While talking about education, morality, family values, the state is complicit in holding before people the idea that you can get something for virtually nothing. The state rooks in the suckers intentionally, out of all proportion to the possibility of winning, and that's the way it's got to be. You've got to have a tremendous number of losers in order to have a few winners, and society is the loser. I have not fulminated against gambling on the casino bill because there has been enough discussion by people on both sides of that issue. But this is reprehensible, the gambling aspect of it. Now let me tell you what my amendment does. Then I want to show you how my colleagues, even when they try to act on something that I've suggested, do not manage to get it right. On page 2 of this green copy of LR 209CA, I would strike, in line 18, the words