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discussed on February 18, 19, and 20. On the 23rd, Senator Smith had offered AM2670. Senator Schimek then moved to amend AM2670 with what was AM2765. That amendment was divided. There are three components to the amendment. Currently pending, Mr. President, is FA1483, as an amendment to Senator Smith's amendment. (Legislative Journal page 724.)

SPEAKER BROMM: And before we proceed to the discussion, since we were on amendments when we concluded, I'll ask...I guess I'll ask Senator Smith if he'd like to bring us up to date on his amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Very briefly, AM2670, the Smith amendment, states that, "The registered voters of a county in which a casino location is authorized shall, after such casino location has been in existence for five years, approve or disapprove the continued presence of such casino location within the county." In brief, it is the renewal vote. And I will update the body and state that Senator Schimek has already filed...we debated amendments that gutted my amendment, but it was still considered to be germane in terms of its entirety, not one part at a time. And it looks to me like Senator Schimek is still wanting to gut my amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. And, Senator Schimek, before we start the formal debate, since you have the amendment pending to the Smith amendment, do you wish to bring the body up to date with respect to where we're at on that?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Mr. President and members, the amendment has been divided into three parts, and the three parts are: one that would provide for up to five casinos; two, there would be a local vote; and three, there would be authorization by the Legislature of any casino before it could be built. And there, in a nutshell, is the amendment that is pending.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk, first item for debate.

CLERK: Mr. President, pending then is Senator Schimek's FA1483,