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headlines and even articles in the newspaper can be misleading. Is it true that you have reached an accord with at least 29 other senators on a number of casinos that will ensure the movement of this bill with 30 votes?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: It is my understanding that I have, Senator. There's nothing certain in this world, but I believe that there are 30 votes, plus.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is...and that's because...who told you that?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: We individually interviewed everybody to find out what their level of comfort was on the number of casinos,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, Senator...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...except you, Senator Chambers, and you told me you weren't going to vote for anything, so I didn't bother you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. But you mean senators told you this?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're counting on it?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm not coming along as fast as Senator Smith probably, huh, Senator Chambers? (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that's all I will ask, Senator Schimek. Members of the Legislature, the reason I don't count votes or ask people what they're going to do is because you can't rely on it. If they were to act right at that instant, maybe they would do as they say. But things can intervene that will cause a person to take a different position. So I hope Senator Schimek is not waiting to exhale until those 29 additional votes come up. And I don't know how long she thinks it's going to take her