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live in; you're within a few hours of some type of advanced gambling, as the proposal we're trying to allow the people to vote on in this state. So, no, it's not what I want, but I believe that this is a doable situation. Is it going to make the petitions go away? Probably not. It will certainly help, because I believe that the citizens of this state still have enough judgment left to...that the Legislature can start this and stop this when they want to. With the petitions, you're not going to have that happen. Thank you, Senator Bromm. Thank you, members of the Legislature.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong opposition to the motion to substitute and I have, I think, valid reasons for doing so. Senator Schimek has explained that the amount of change is really not very much. It's a word. The amount of change doesn't depend on how many words; it depends on meaning. A one-word change can be very substantial. And in this particular case, one word does make an enormous difference. I have it on the very best of authority that it makes an enormous amount of difference, and that authority is here present in this room. Who told me that? Senator Schimek told me that. She told it to all of you. She was polling the body, and found that the number of votes varied with the number of casinos allowable. This is maybe 15 minutes ago. This is a substantial change. And because the votes changed with the number of casinos, changing anything to anything here, which is crucial to Senator Schimek's intention, is a substantial change. When this comes to a vote, I strongly urge you to defeat the motion. Mr. Speaker, I would give the rest of my time to Senator Smith.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Smith, you have three minutes. Thank you, Senator Tyson.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Senator Tyson. I guess to begin with, I would...pursuant to Section 7...or Rule 7, Section 3, I would like to withdraw my amendment. That would be AM2670.