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about whether we are going to be the ones that frame this issue, or whether we're going to leave it up to those people who are outside this body. Thank you.

SENATOR BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, I am going to challenge the germaneness in a motion...in a moment here. I do want to say that it's not a bad time to talk about gambling a little bit. I'm not adverse to having a conversation about this. As I understand, however, Senator Janssen is pursuing the number of signatures necessary to get a casino gambling bill back on the agenda for serious consideration. But it is my impression that this would make two subjects in the bill and I don't think it...I don't think it's the same thing as what our germane rule suggests. I'm going to ask the Chair to rule on germaneness. If there is a challenge, I won't immediately close debate. In fact, if you want to continue to talk, I'm interested in hearing what Senator Brown has to say. I just don't want to necessarily countenance the idea that this is a legitimate target for that kind of an amendment. I'll challenge the germaneness of the amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Brown, you would have an opportunity to respond to the challenge of germaneness.

SENATOR BROWN: The...when you're dealing with the constitution, as long as it's posed as different questions on the ballot, we have put things that are only tangentially related together in bills before and I believe that this is not anything different than what we have done in the past. And as long as we keep the proposal to the electorate separate so that they can be very clear as to what they're voting on, that we're opening up that section of the constitution that deals with gambling, and I believe that this is germane to the discussion that we have before us.

SPEAKER BROMM: Just a moment, Senator Landis and Senator Brown. The Chair would rule that the proposed amendment does not relate