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substantially to the same subject as the underlying bill, and so I would rule that it is not germane. Senator Brown, you have an opportunity to challenge that ruling, if you would like.

SENATOR BROWN: I challenge that ruling.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brown would challenge the ruling. Senator Brown, you get an opportunity to open on your challenge.

SENATOR BROWN: Well, it real...Mr. President, members, it really is up to us to determine what we put together. We have done in the past put together many issues that on the face of them do not relate at all into legislative resolutions for constitutional amendments. We put together the township issue and the merger and consolidation issue into one bill that was passed and actually became three different ballot questions. So I think it's truly a decision that...of this body as to whether you want to have a conversation that, on this particular amendment, that is more expansive but very related, in my estimation. I don't understand how we can say that townships are related to...the issue of townships is related to city-county merger and find those things compatible and not find two different kinds...I mean, two different kinds of gambling, the lottery and casinos, that those two things are related. And so I really think that we are going to hamstring ourselves a little bit if we believe that issues that are clearly that connected cannot be dealt with in the same bill even though the questions as they are posed to the electorate would be separate. And I really do think that for us this gambling issue has been...for me, I will be very personal, for me this gambling issue has been very difficult. It was much safer to say I don't like anything and I can sit in an ivory tower and say that I can personally stop everything just by virtue of wishing it. It doesn't happen, and I'm far more concerned about that which is imposed from the outside than that which we craft ourselves. We crafted the lottery. I may not agree with it. I think that it puts us in a different situation when the state is actually conducting the gambling, in the case of the lottery. I might not be entirely comfortable with the lottery, as I'm not entirely comfortable with the whole idea of casinos. But we put it in place and I believe that we have the right to determine