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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't know which of us has put you all down the most, me or Senator Friend, but this has nothing to do, in my mind, with what the voters are going to do. Senator Friend, you're going to vote to put the gambling issue before the public, I think. I'd like to ask Senator Friend a question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Friend, would you yield?

SENATOR FRIEND: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Friend, you are going to vote to put the gambling issue before the public. I believe that's your position. Correct?

SENATOR FRIEND: I believe I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Thank you. Members of the Legislature, there are others who will not vote to do that. If the same 31 who voted to put this on the ballot because they trust the public and think they should vote, will they be there to put the gambling issue on the ballot? I'm not going to do like Santa Claus and whistle and shout and call them by name in this instance because all you need to do is go get the voting records. And, Senator Friend, that's when you can see where the hypocrisy lies, not based on what I say but on the basis of their votes. If they trust the people and think they should vote, then let them vote to put that on the ballot, too. But I was against contaminating the constitution with Senator Schrock's amendment. I'm against contaminating it with this one, and I'm not going to vote to put the gambling issue on the ballot. We should not say that we're going to buck our responsibility to the people. What do you need legislators for? This is not a democracy, it's a representative form of government. You know what they used to do in Greece where they had true democracy, and this just might be anecdotal? Everybody would come to the assembly and everybody could stand up and talk. And whenever you spoke, you had a rope put around your neck. And if you did not get a majority of votes, they took you out just like that. You were through. It was a test how much