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to go through that exercise to do this. That's why I've been supportive of that resolution, and that's all I have to say. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. How well we know that Senator Chambers doesn't crumble first regardless of what time it is, and I would say that's become quite evident several times this session. But he has the right to do that, the will to do it, and sobeit. We see on the agenda there's a time specific, which certainly places a priority. If we can't get through this, we have a priority at 1:30, because the gospel according to the agenda, set forth by special dispensation, establishes a priority, and I'm not going to belabor this point, LB 1090, but I think the body needs to know and be aware that we can use convenient arguments of let's let the people vote. Let's all sign our letters of resignation. How many people would love to vote on tax increases? Do the proponents, the primary proponents of the casino measure, want to let the people vote on a tax increase? I rather doubt it. How many other issues are there like that? That is such a cop-out argument to say, let the people vote. We have very important things to do. And the gospel according to the agenda here, that shifts and evolves and does funny things, has senators' priority bills behind the gospel according to the casino at 1:30. Now how much time we spend on the casino measure is up to the body. It's ultimately up to the body whether or not to take it up before other issues, too. But I imagine, you know, that the agenda was crafted today to put those senator priority bills that old Smith has been talking about not getting a shot, so now it's Smith's responsibility, it's Smith's liability to allow time for senators' priority bills. Well, I know there are more options to the scheduling than that which is on the agenda today, or however the agenda was crafted. And I realize it's a hard job to craft the agenda. I stated earlier in the discussion that I probably wouldn't be Speaker for love nor money, and I need both. But the fact is, we have some issues here that I believe are far more important. If my priority bill were still on that list, that wouldn't change my position on casinos. I've learned not to cave that easily. And maybe I'm ineffective because I