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awhile before the body.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Colleagues, I'll intend to bring you up to speed on where we're at right now. Last year, as most of you know, I designated LR 11CA as my priority bill, and it was advanced to Final Reading. LR 11CA was brought back from Final Reading to Select File for a specific amendment. That amendment was not adopted. A motion to readvance failed. Therefore, LR 11CA is left in the form that it was on Final Reading last year. It currently provides up to eight casino facilities with the Legislature providing for the adoption, regulation, and taxation of gaming at these facilities, and has a recognition of the rights of the federally recognized tribes to conduct gaming in accordance...in accordance with federal law. I again designated LR 11CA as my priority bill for the year 2004 and the session we're in right now. That's where we're at. I hope you will give us your indulgence this afternoon and listen carefully what is submitted to you. And with that, I would move for the readvancement to Final Reading.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance LR 7CA (sic), Final Reading. All in favor say aye. There are lights on. It's a debatable motion. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Just when I thought I learned all about this procedure yesterday, I learned a little more today and that is that there's a right reserved to change the rules yet in the middle of the second game. Perhaps I'm a bit flattered that such a measure has been induced to run this amendment, to be polite, run this bill, LR 11CA. Think LR should stand for Lazarus Resurrected, with a few members saying Lazarus go forth. I think it speaks to the larger issue of the greed that's involved when we see issues that have had their day in the Legislature. And I know of someone who even voted yes on cloture last time who I'm told won't vote cloture this time, but the member voted cloture last time because they wanted to move on. I can understand that. As I stated this morning, very indirectly so, there's pressure put on me to shut up so we can move on to some other senator priority bills. I didn't draft the agenda, but perhaps we'll