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your insurance, Department of Insurance, you got your Department of Aeronautics, you've got all kinds of departments to control about everything that we do or live by. This is the way it should be done. It should be done as a business. It should be done with a rational point of view. And I think my amendment is the first time that I've seen anything in the last two years that comes up that come anywheres close to having a rational point of view on the thing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: I think...I think this is something that if we don't do we'll probably regret at some time, and this is a case, I guess, as an old fellow used to say, now comes the time where you let the tail go with the hide. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Smith, on the motion to return, followed by Senator Brown and others.

SENATOR SMITH: The debate that's occurred on AM3598, Senator Louden has been raising very good points; Senator Synowiecki raised a very good point on the political viability of two casinos. We might be getting so greedy that we sell ourselves short, if you agree that...with the premise that gambling is good for the state. If we really think about two casinos, no local revenues, local revenues being property tax oriented, and with the petitions having local orientation, which one is more palatable to the voters? We think that because it says legislative prerogative and authority, that the voters are going to fall in love with it. If that's the case, I've got a pay raise to propose. That, I think, is a bit unrealistic to think that the voters are going to fall in love with a legislatively driven proposal. And when you look at the taxation of gambling, of casinos, when I go back to what I said very briefly earlier, that casino operators are perfectly happy to pay a larger portion of their revenues than other business operations, but I guess this is different because we're legalizing an activity that's otherwise legal, but only because the state can tax it, apparently. That's the message I'm getting. I wasn't out on a mission against keno. I wasn't even out on a mission against the lottery or other charitable gaming, if you want to call it