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discussion, and certainly would ask you to vote in favor of this amendment if it comes right down to that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on FA182, which is an amendment to the Jensen AM1289 to LB 70. Discussion on FA182? Senator Thompson, followed by Senators Jensen, Beutler, and Chambers. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I know Senator Jensen is mulling this over but I do have a concern about extending this to two full months. I think the compromise was to be able to adjust for this year and see how it goes, not necessarily statistically but...as Senator Smith pointed out, but just to see how it goes operationally, and to extend it for two months is, I think, excessively long. Future dates of the rally, which is the Sturgis event, this year they're August 8th through the 14th; the following year, through the 13th; the year after that, 4th through the 12th...6th through the 12th; year after that, 4th through the 10th and so on. If people are riding their motorcycles to get to the rally, they can do it in the month of August. think an extension for two months is a lot. I also think the multiyear extension is a lot for us to commit to. But I would be willing to support Senator Jensen in the efforts that he made last week to go ahead, even though a lot of us are kind of purists on this thing, would be willing to do the month, try it, see what...see how it works operationally, see if we get any I don't think we can collect the extra tourism dollars. statistics dealing with safety because it isn't a long enough period of time to generate that, but we should be able to get the revenue fairly simply. So I'm opposed to the floor amendment and think we should stick to the compromise, as proposed by Senator Jensen. And I would yield any time I have to Senator Jensen, unless he would like the time to think about it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Senator Thompson and Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The Smith amendment to my amendment