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SENATOR BROWN: ...which is the level of taxation for these entities, the amount of taxation that is acceptable. But I would still argue that we need to be very careful about saying that just because an industry, even if it is a charitable industry, may be struggling, by virtue of competition and by virtue of taxation, that our immediate response has to be to lower taxes and try to save them in that way. I think that Senator Will has made an argument about the level of taxation for bingo compared to other states, and also compared to other forms of gambling in the state, that I found fairly compelling. So I am willing to accept halving the amount for the state. I would just ask that we halve the amount for the...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: ...the municipalities, too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Brown is heading in the right direction and I'm going to support her amendment. And I listened to Senator Tyson very, very carefully. I listened to "Clean Gene" very carefully, and he was starting to move me when he mentioned how Holy Name was subsidized through gambling, and Cathedral subsidized through gambling. And now they don't...one of them doesn't have a high school, and the other one doesn't work anymore. Then it came to me, Senator Tyson, that's a punishment from the Lord. The Lord didn't like what they were doing. He said, My house shall be called, of all nations, a house of prayer, and you've converted it into a gambling den. I mean I'm paraphrasing the last part. Whenever people rely on an inappropriate means to fund an operation, they should know that that operations' continued existence is shaky at best. It has always been difficult for me to understand why these religious outfits, which can be so thundering in their condemnation of other people and so judgmental, talk about sending people to hell without even passing through purgatory. Senator Tyson, old people in the Fundamentalist Church call it "puckertory", because they said when you're in the fire for that amount of time it will make your skin pucker, so that's why they called it that. But they