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whether to kill all the raccoons or not, you know, or put a season on them or whatever they're going to do, or the ground hogs, what we're going to do. You can't do all that stuff. You can't take all those...or whether you should have car sales on Sunday, like Senator Lynch had a bill one time, you know. Probably can't take that to a vote of the people. That's probably wrong maybe, I don't know, but some things should go to a vote of the people, the big issues. Is this not a big issue? Is this not a big issue? Made you...let's decide it once and for all, once and for all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. On the motion to place LB (sic--LR) 289CA on General File, Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I, too, rise in support of this resolution and would encourage each of you to support it as well. I support this legislation for two separate reasons. First, I don't believe this is a gambling issue, per se. It's about the rights of the tribes to maintain sovereignty over their own lands. Quite simply, it will provide members of the several tribes in this state the ability to adequately fund the numerous social, educational and administrative services they are so lacking on the reservation. Second, this resolution will be submitted to the electors of this state. We here today are simply making this available for a vote of the people, so let's take our foot off the throat of these very proud peoples and allow them at least the opportunity to try to better themselves. Thank you. I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Schimek.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'd like to yield that time to another person, if that is appropriate, and...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: It is not appropriate. You can yield the time back to Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Aguilar, could I yield the time back to you to yield to Senator Hilgert?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Aguilar.