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open on your amendment.

CLERK: Well, Senator, just...you and I are...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Excuse me, Mr. President. Senator Coordsen, you want to withdraw AM2838?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Want to withdraw.

CLERK: You want to withdraw AM2838, I believe, Senator. And Senator Coordsen would move to amend with AM2885, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 721-723.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You are now recognized to open on that amendment, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. As you can find AM2885 on your laptop on your desk, I won't go into a great deal of conversation about it because it is, in fact, a simple grant of authority to the Legislature to authorize and regulate games of chance, the proceeds of which may be used as the Legislature may provide. Such games of chance shall include, but not be limited to, casino gaming activities, games played using player-activated electronic, video, or mechanical gaming devices, dice, card games of chance, and table games of chance. I am in support of the basic premise of LR 6CA as introduced by Senator Schimek. You've heard my problems, and I think others share that, with putting too many details into the constitution. It is my belief, and I agree with the analysis of many people who have spoken over the past number of hours on the issue of gaming in the state of Nebraska, that we have come to that stage of life where it is indistinguishable for us to determine what the wishes of the citizens of Nebraska are. We cannot, because of constitutional prohibitions, create gaming on our own. We must have an amendment to the constitution to allow the Legislature, at a future date, to do this. It was my understanding in drafting this language that in addition to...and, by the way, I should say that this does not strike the original language of LR 6CA.