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SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. As I speak, I would like to ask the Chair, the Speaker, the number of votes required for this amendment to be adopted. It would be my opinion that AM0475 is substantially similar to LR 6CA. And so as I speak, I would like to have you consider that, and potentially give me an answer on that when I complete. Again, . . . and I think Senator Schimek offered the same idea. And I got a look from Senator Schimek, so she might not agree with my question. But at least we'll be clear on the number of votes required to adopt this amendment. But I agree with Senator Schimek, and it was a comment that I made in the Executive Session of the committee, and that is, once this bill, or a bill, gets to the floor, there will be a million interests. And I think that's exactly the word that Senator Schimek used. How do we protect this group, or how do we include this group? I think there's been some interesting points about this fitting in with the underlying bill about the interdiction zones, and some of those issues as far as whether or not this even makes sense. And so from my standpoint, I can appreciate what Senator Schrock is looking out for as far as the horse racing interests of the state, or the agriculture side of that. But again, I'm going to rise in opposition to the Schrock amendment. I know that surprises you all. And I will wait for a ruling from the Chair on whether or not this is substantially similar to LR 6CA.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Erdman, I'm sorry. I didn't hear your question. Were you addressing the Chair?

SENATOR ERDMAN: No, I was just . . . I said I would wait for the decision of the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Schrock, the Chair has been asked to rule on whether or not this amendment will require 30 votes. Do you wish to make any comments before I address that question?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, I would argue that this amendment is considerably different than the constitutional amendment that I had in committee and was killed. The constitutional amendment I had in committee had a six-mile interdiction zone. It had eight other casinos in that interdiction zone. There were other