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1 BASHAM: This is Jessica.
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3 MADIGAN: Jessica, it's Mike, um-
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5 BASHAM: Hi.
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7 MADIGAN: Let's talk about the caucus tomorrow and and take me
8 through the presenters again.
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10 BASHAM: Sure. Let me grab my uh, my draft here. So, the
11 presenters for sports betting would be um, Mike
12 Zalewski, Katie Stuart, Andre Thapedi, Lisa Hernandez,
13 and Bob Rita.
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15 MADIGAN: Bob Rita. And what's Rita gonna present?
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17 BASHAM: So, he's really not going to present anything, but his
18 purpose is, well, number one, I didn't really want to
19 cut him out of the conversation-
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21 MADIGAN: Right.
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23 BASHAM: -because all of this is going to inevitably get into a
24 place of what are we doing with new casino expansion
25 and-
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27 MADIGAN: Mhmm, mhmm, mhmm.
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29 BASHAM: -you know Chicago casino, everything else that goes
30 along with gaming, so. He doesn't have, I mean he's not
31 filed any, any obviously, he's not filed any amendments
32 relating to sports betting and sports betting um, I mean
33 they've agreed-
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35 MADIGAN: -Yeah, yeah.
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37 BASHAM: -that this is kind of Zalewski's realm, but um,

38 inevitably the conversation will get to the broader
39 gaming dialogue.
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41 MADIGAN: Has Rita been prepared for that?
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43 BASHAM: Yes.
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45 MADIGAN: Alright, so-
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47 BASHAM: So I spoke with-
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49 MADIGAN: Go ahead.
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51 BASHAM: I spoke with um, I spoke with Zalewski last week and
52 talked about how this is all gonna look and I suggested
53 you know, I think Bob should be involved because you're
54 both working on gaming issues and you know that the
55 conversation will go there and so he agreed to that. I
56 talked, so I talked to, I talked to Rita and Zalewski
57 and then Zalewski was going to talk to Stuart, Thapedi,
58 and Hernandez and they would work through how they would
59 go through the dialogue of the amendments.
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61 MADIGAN: Mhmm, mhmm, okay. So, would you talk to Rita again and
62 make sure that he understands that he should be an active
63 participant in the discussion?
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65 BASHAM: Okay.
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67 MADIGAN: And so, if today he's not contemplating what he's gonna
68 say, help him come to-
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70 BASHAM: -Got it.
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72 MADIGAN: -what he might say. And are we contemplating that he
73 would be doing hearings in his subcommittee or the
74 Executive Committee?
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76 BASHAM: Well, he doesn't have a subcommittee.
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78 MADIGAN: Mhmm.
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80 BASHAM: So, there was ne- so- Welch did not want to create a
81 subcommittee and- I'm just trying to recall, um, I'm
82 sure- I can't even recall if Rita's on that committee.
83 I'm sure he is.
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85 MADIGAN: Mhmm. Mhmm.
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87 BASHAM: Yeah, he is on Executive. But there was never a
88 subcommittee created. Now

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90 MADIGAN: So, didn't we send the gaming amendments to the
91 Executive Committee?
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93 BASHAM: Sure.
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95 MADIGAN: Yeah. Yeah. Mhmm. Mhmm.
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97 BASHAM: We did. But there's there's no subcommittees in
98 Executive right now.
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100 MADIGAN: Mhmm.
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102 BASHAM: But all the gaming bills are there.
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104 MADIGAN: Yeah, yeah, yeah, sure. Okay.
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106 (CLIP 1 END)

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107 MADIGAN: Uh, let's go back to Rita and tomorrow. So talk to him,
108 make sure he understands that he should be an active
109 participant in the discussion tomorrow.
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111 BASHAM: Mhmm.
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113 MADIGAN: However he wants to do that.
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115 BASHAM: Mhmm.
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117 MADIGAN: So, you see if, if we just let Zalewski put on a sports
118 betting show, well, then we're gonna bring on another
119 problem. All the pro gaming people are gonna say,
120 "What's this all about?"
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122 BASHAM: Mhmm.
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124 MADIGAN: So, yeah. Have a conversation with Rita and make sure
125 he understands that he just can't sit there like a bump
126 on a log. Okay?
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128 BASHAM: Mhmm, mhmm.
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130 MADIGAN: Alright.
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132 BASHAM: Yep. I'll talk to him.
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134 MADIGAN: Talk to you. Bye, bye.
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136 BASHAM: Okay, bye.
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138 (CLIP 2 END)