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Although Republicans have argued in recent weeks that Gov. Jack A. Markell's administration had neglected to include them in any sort of process, the sports betting legislation may have changed that.

The governor and legislators of both parties met late into the night at Legislative Hall to come up with a compromise that would appease all parties.

That was music to the Republicans' ears.

"It became my job to get dialogue going again," said Rep. Joseph E. Miro, R-Newark, who spent some time speaking with Gov. Markell and the rest of the negotiating parties. "Now it's up to them. I think we're getting close."

Leaders of both parties spent hours huddled in the governor's office negotiating the finer points of the legislation.

Major sticking points appeared to be the viability of Harrington Raceway & Casino if the legislation, along with the proposed fees, were to pass and the possibility of legalizing table games.

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motion on the House floor on Wednesday.

After the legislation, House Substitute 1 to House Bill 100, failed by two votes on Tuesday, the blame game commenced.

Gov. Markell accused the no-voters of siding with the casino owners and against state workers.

Rep. Cathcart, R-Middletown, was not appreciative of that comment.

"To suggest that it would impact the 8 percent cut for state employees is irresponsible. The two are absolutely not connected," he said on the House floor on Wednesday.

"It would be easy for us to lob hand grenades for the next two years. We decided early on that that's not our role. We want to be participants," said Rep. Cathcart.

It appeared early on Thursday that the Markell administration was looking only to find two no-voters to switch and pass the initial legislation, but that strategy



Richard C. Cathcart

quickly changed.

By about 6 p.m. it became obvious that both sides were looking to find a compromise, rather than push the partisan politics to the brink.

Late Thursday evening, members of the Republican caucus became participants in a lengthy, yet seemingly productive process.

As members of both parties went in and out of the governor's office in Legislative Hall, they all said the talk was going well.

Although it appeared a compromise was being reached, one party very connected to the issue was noticeably absent from the negotiations — the casino owners.

"We haven't been involved in any talks today," said Denis McGlynn, president and chief executive officer of Dover Downs Gaming & Entertainment.

The casino executives and horsemen did present a proposal to the governor's office on Wednesday — one that would give the state a 50/50 split for all revenue up to fiscal year 2009 revenue and the governor's requested eight percentage point split for all revenue past that point, among other caveats — but had not heard a response.

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