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where we are, let the keno businesses survive that are there, let those that are selling pickle cards, let those that are in the bingo business stay where they are. Let's stop the expansion of gambling. I think that is a solution. I think it's the only viable solution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's interesting how Senator Jensen and myself, who probably come from very close to the same philosophic perspective, approach this process differently. I'm absolutely convinced that we're at a point in time where it would represent an abnegation of our responsibility not to put before the people our version of how this should happen, if it's going to happen. To me, I see what's happening now as a game of Russian roulette. The people are going to put up initiatives. Maybe the people reject the initiatives this year. Next year, there will be a couple of other versions of it. Will they reject it again? The existence of the...of the casinos in the adjoining states and the flood of Nebraska residents patronizing those casinos is leading people to the conclusion, the correct conclusion, that two-thirds of our population is presently exposed to casino gambling, and that there's nothing we can do about it however we may believe philosophically. And so the question is, how can we structure something that doesn't further expand gambling, but which recognizes and interdicts those revenues going out of state so that at least, as a minimum, we have revenues within the state to take care of the gambling problems that we already have by virtue of the existence of the casinos right across the river? To me, everything about this moment in time advocates for seizing the day and taking in hand this question before it passes us by. I wanted to talk a little bit about the other petition that is going to be in front of people if there are enough signatures, and to talk a little bit about how we lose control if one of these should be adopted by the people. The one that is entitled, Proposed Initiative Language to Amend the Nebraska Constitution, I...I guess this is the bar owners' version, but it sets up a commission that's a...that's appointed by the Governor. And...and one of the huge problems with this version, to me, is that once this commission is set up, the Legislature has almost no control over what