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happens. Now, the last sentence of the proposition says the Legislature may enact additional laws to provide for the operation of the commission, or regulate video or electronic gaming, but it says, consistent with the provisions of this section. Now let's go back and read a little bit about what the commission is authorized to do. The commission, under this initiative, is authorized to establish the policy for the conduct of video and electronic gaming in the state of Nebraska. So, the State Legislature can make no laws relating to the policy of the state in this area, and the constitutional provision under that particular category goes...goes on to say a number of things about what the commission can do, without limitation, as to the policies that they can determine in this area. So we lose complete control of policy. Then it goes on to so say the commission shall establish categories of and fees for licenses. And it goes on in greater detail, but the fact of the matter is we lose all control over licensing and fees. Then it goes on to say the commission shall establish rules for the video and electronic gaming locations.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, we lose all control over the locations and what the rules will be with regard to the...to the number of machines in a particular location and the...and the...the other factors relating to the location of machines, which, of course, can be important. The commission shall establish criteria for video and electronic devices. Okay, so the state can say nothing about the type of devices or machines that are used. And...and so as you add up these four or five different categories where the commission has all control and the Legislature has no control, it looks to me like the bottom line, which says that the Legislature could make rules and regulations not otherwise made by the commission, is almost totally meaningless. It is bad government. The people are going to look to us when things go bad...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...with this particular device, and we're not going to be able to satisfy people.