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4-H and I decided my sons needed to be involved in 4-H and this was a good experience for the whole family. I understand that at Horsemen's Park in Omaha on a weekend there's as many as 2,000 people watching simulcast--2,000 people watching simulcast. I think we should give them the opportunity. I think we should give Douglas County the opportunity to decide whether they should have slot machines there or not or whether they're going to run across the river and do their slot machines anyway. It's here folks. We're playing last man standing. Buses from my area of the state go to casinos every day. And Don Pederson is shaking his head, he knows what I mean. They run up to the Rosebud casino north of Valentine all the time. And they don't stop in Valentine to eat dinner, I'll bet you either. They'll wait till they get there. Let's let the people decide on this, folks. Let's let the people decide. Put it on the ballot. Senator Stuhr said we have the right to make that decision. No we don't. The Constitution forbids us from making that decision. Put it on the ballot; let the people decide. The petitions are going to put it on the ballot and then you've going to have slot machines at your hometown. The advantage of giving it to the racetracks is it's an agricultural society; the profits will stay in the community. A casino, you don't know where the profits...who's going to own the casino and where the profits are going to go. But the racetracks, the money is going to stay in Nebraska, going to stay in the community, and we all know what Fonner Park and Ak-Sar-Ben and State Fair Park has meant to the citizens of this state. Please, let's give the citizens a chance to decide. I'm very willing to accept what the citizens say on this. But we won't know how they feel unless we put it on the ballot. Thank you for your time.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Schrock amendment. All those in...Senator Schrock has requested to place the house under call. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

**CLERK:** 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** The house is under call. Would all members