



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Committee Statement
LR 11CA

Hearing Date: February 10, 2003
Committee On: General Affairs

Introducer(s): (Janssen, Byars, Connealy, Cunningham, Schrock, Synowiecki, Bourne)
Title: Constitutional amendment to authorize games of chance

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senators Connealy, Cunningham, Friend, Janssen, Mossey
3	No	Senators Erdman, Landis, Schimek
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Janssen
 William Weidner
 RJ Brown
 William Kurtenbach
 Greg Robinson
 James Robertson
 Loran Schmidt
 Don Everett

 Harry Muhlbach
 Roger Jasnoch

Representing:

Introducer
 The Venetian Las Vegas
 Self
 Nebraska Cooperative Government
 Nebraska Cooperative Government
 Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders Association
 Charitable Gaming of Nebraska
 Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective
 Association
 Self
 Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce

Opponents:

Pat Loontjer
 Charlene Schele Trout
 Jonathan Krutz
 Alvin Weasel
 Morris Jackson
 Joel Lamplot
 CJ Bessey
 Charles Nelson

Representing:

Gambling With The Good Life
 Self
 Gambling With The Good Life
 Glad Tidings Church
 Self
 We The People
 Self
 Gamblers Anonymous

John Dittman	Cornhusker Bank
Teri Lamplot	Self
Charles Spence	Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church
Naomi Brummond	Self
Jessica Moenning	Family First

Neutral:

Bob VanValkenberg
Randy Meyer
Natalie Peetz
Michael McCann
Lori Crowther
Wanda Swanson
Jerry Bauerkamper
Deb Hammond

Representing:

Self
Self
Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Choices
Choices
Choices
Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling
Choices

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR 11CA gives the Legislature the ability to authorize and regulate games of chance. Games of chance are defined to include, but not be limited to, casino gaming activities, games played using player-activated electronic, video, or mechanical gaming devices, dice, card games of chance and table games of chance.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment replaces the original language of the resolution. The committee amendment states that the Legislature may authorize and regulate casino-style gaming. Casino-style gaming shall include games of chance played for money, credit, or any representative of value using cards, dice, equipment, player-activated electronic, video, or mechanical gaming devices, and other methods authorized by the Legislature. It also changes the ballot language to reflect that the voters would be authorizing casino-style gaming. This amendment is not intended to change the intent of the original resolution, but rather to clarify that intent.

Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson