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right now, I'm still listening to the debate on this particular amendment. I'm not in favor of video slot machines simply because it is one of the most addictive forms of gambling and I would not like to see them all over, but I understand where they are coming from. They want local people to decide if they want this in their area. But I am very much in support of the four versus the eight. But think about it. I know of my neighbors, that even people I went to church with, were so proud that we lived in a dry county, and every time the vote came up, whether or not we were going to be wet, oh, we're not going to vote for that. We don't want to be a wet county. Well, honey, it's going on right down the road, two of them right on my road, uncontrolled. So I'm just saying I don't think it's going to eliminate gaming if we vote against it. I feel a personal responsibility to control it, be it now, be it later, however things shake down. But I think it's a mistaken notion to think that by voting no that we're going to eliminate problem gaming and we're not going to have to deal with these issues. I think we need to take on the mantle of responsibility that we have been elected to, and that is...

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...to craft responsible legislation to control vices like alcohol, like drugs, like gambling. I give the rest of my time back to the Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Senator Bromm.
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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I, once again, rise to support the amendment, and I don't know that anyone's mind is going to change. I did... the thought did cross my mind when Senator Janssen spoke that I know that those that supported the amendment yesterday, or the bill, I should say, of Senator Tyson's, and we'll have another measure coming up here on helmets, and there will be a lot of consideration given to the fact that we should regulate; that at some point we should give people the right to choose to engage in activities some of us