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is basically saying that in a county such as Pottawattamie County, under that bill Iowa would be allowed to build a land-based casino within a quarter mile of a dock on the river and, by the way, the boats don't have to sail anymore. Now it would bother me...the reason I decided to go through this exercise, and I appreciate your patience, it would bother me a great deal if we ended up with a land-based casino in the white diagonal striped portion of Carter Lake, Iowa, so that a land-based casino is sitting on Abbott Drive as you go to Eppley Airfield in Omaha, Nebraska. And that's what I'd like to examine in the course of this debate. So how did I arrive at the provisions of the amendment? A number of people have said to me, well, I might vote for gambling under the right circumstances; what are your circumstances? I've always described it as, as little gambling as possible, and that's what I thought possibly this amendment was responsive to. If you get through all the language that is put there for constitutional and legal reasons, what it amounts to is two potential casinos in the metropolitan gambling zone, which is a two-mile strip that runs essentially from I-680 in Omaha to Bellevue in a two-mile strip along the west side of the Missouri River. Two casinos east of the sixth principal meridian, which is an old map-making line used in the surveys of Nebraska, Kansas and otherwise, two casinos east of that line, one of which would be in a licensed racetrack enclosure, pardon me, two of which would be in licensed racetrack enclosures. We have gambling and have had gambling at Columbus and at Lincoln, and we could have casinos there. So we're continuing gambling where we have gambling.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And with regard to west of the sixth principal meridian, we've had gambling at Grand Island and we could have gambling at Grand Island, that's one licensed racetrack enclosure, and then one casino wherever we the people decide to put it. And all the revenue, rather than becoming a source of revenue to the government, all the revenue, as prescribed by the Legislature, would be paid to Nebraska Future Trust, denominated such to mean that it would be utilized for the good of the people in terms of community improvement to