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AM2401, that says whether you're going to have a 500-slot casino, or you're going to have a 10,000-slot machine...casino, or you're going to have a hotel/motel situation with it. So really, there's nothing to describe what size. Now, are you talking about a 12-slot machine casino? You could put that in the back of a gas station someplace. So there's some other problems that you have when you start writing this into the constitution on where the casinos are and their location and that sort of thing. So really, I think we either go ahead with what we're doing here and probably let it go down in flames, or else work with Senator Janssen's LR 11CA. I think we have different questions here. There's some of them that haven't been thought out that much. So I still urge to consider the amendment that I've put on to this one here. I still think we need to have some guarantee that there's going to be something done in the western part of Nebraska. There's a chance for probably a great deal of revenue out there for that area if you're going to do gambling in Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Erdman, Beutler, Schimek, and others.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise certainly against expanded gambling in Nebraska, but I wanted to hopefully process some of the issues that I think are taking place, and hopefully shed light on what I think is a reasonable situation that could come about, and that is we basically have two efforts appear on the ballot--the legislative effort and the petition effort. And we have been hearing this morning how extremely negative the petition effort is, and how extremely different that it is from the legislative efforts. And I ask the question, what is it then the Legislature can do with a legislatively controlled ballot measure that would satisfy the petitioners enough to give up their issue? Senator Schimek, would respond to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm sorry. Yes, I would. Thank you, Mr. President. I'm sorry, I didn't hear the first part of your question, Senator Smith.