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LB 849
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constitutional amendment to allow people to tell us what their wishes are on this issue. That's true. We have differing opinions on whether not we even need this. I think that we're going one step further by saying, yes, we do want the people to tell us on this very important issue do you or do you not wish the state to get involved in gambling. It's giving them an opportunity, it's...if you're opposed to this, what you're actually saying, I think, in effect is that you don't trust the people of your district to tell you what their wishes are. We're down here to represent the people. And if we're not willing to let the people tell us, I think we're kind of sticking our heads in the sand here on this issue. If you believe that your people don't want this, then let them tell us that, because I don't know but what they may tell us they don't want it, and I can very well go along with that. I believe they should tell us if Nebraska is going to somewhere, down the line, have a state lottery I...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...believe that it should be approved by the people. I ask your support in voting for this constitutional provision. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. We will now vote on the motion to advance LR 24CA. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 1958 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 11 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LR 24CA.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LR 24CA is advanced. Proceed with LB 849.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 849 was a bill originally introduced by Senators Baack, Will, and Withem at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on February 1, referred to General Affairs Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the General Affairs Committee, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the