

commerces. I don't want to send these people a false message, nor do I want to send Senator Hall a false message by supporting this or not supporting it. I think probably we owe it to the people of Nebraska to support not supporting this indefinitely postponement simply due to the fact that we said we would be here to represent the people. Some people disagree with that statement. Some people think that the people voted me here because Jim Cudaback knows what is best and we've talked about this with Senator Witek, I have in the past. I guess we disagree on this fact that Jim Cudaback doesn't always know what is best. I think I'm here because the people thought that I would represent them, their viewpoints. Those viewpoints change. What I know is not always what they think they know. I think I am here to represent the majority of my people and I said I would on this issue here and I'm getting stronger and stronger vibes by all types of letters, faxes or whatever on this issue. So I think probably we owe it to our Nebraskans to go ahead and discuss this. Their message may be wrong. At the end I may vote against this because personally I'm against gambling, but I will go with the majority on this issue and I'll say it once more. I will go with the majority on this particular issue and that being gaming, I guess we have a new word for it, it's gaming now and so thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, members, again I rise in opposition to the motion to indefinitely postpone but I very much appreciate the comments by everyone so far and I would hope that if there are more questions or more concerns that folks would raise those issues and talk about them. I appreciate the comments that Senator Withem makes with regard to the issue because it is a very serious proposal. This is not something that I'm going to move to withdraw. I want it voted on. I want to know if there are enough votes there to continue the debate on this proposal. If there isn't, let's not waste the time. If there is 25, 26, 27 votes to kill this bill, let's pull the trigger today. Let's not debate and debate and debate and torture this thing to death. It doesn't do any of us any good. If there aren't the votes there though, then let's consciously work through it. Let's work through it with a proposal that...where we begin to shape the policy. Senator Robak, you're absolutely right. The policy takes place here on the floor. We get input from those folks who represent our constituents. I mean, I, from time to time, chastise the lobby