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SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WILL: ...urge you to vote down the bracket motion this morning, and let's proceed and craft a constitutional amendment that has options in it that we are comfortable putting before the voters. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Jensen, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Is Senator Schellpeper in? I just had a...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schellpeper, will you yield for questions?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, would you yield for some question?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, I would, yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: Could you describe your district for me. Is it an urban or is it a rural district?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: It's a rural. The largest town is about 1,600 people

SENATOR JENSEN: About 1,600 people. Are the constituents in your district asking and calling you to expand gambling in Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: They are? Okay, if we expand gambling in Nebraska, why is that so important to this state that we would expand this?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I think they currently are going to Iowa, to South Dakota, and some are even going down to Kansas, quite a few go to Vegas, and I think they just think rather than have the other...go to the other states, they just as well stay at home and keep the money at home.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay, if this bill is passed, how many casinos