

couldn't have went in in the Indian Reservation because there was no Indian Reservation across the border. What happened, a rancher changed...traded 40 acres of his ground right across the border for 40 acres on the other side of the Indian Reservation so the Indians could have the 40 acres joining Nebraska, and they build a casino, only about one foot from the border of Nebraska. All the cars are parking in Nebraska, and that's just how close it is to Nebraska up there, and the people in Valentine are really getting upset about it because the clothing stores and jewelry stores, and all kinds of things like that, the business really did drop because the people are going over there to spend the money because there is no industry in that town up there. So that the money that's up there is just more or less wage earners' money. So you talk about having a local vote of the town, well, I can tell you what happened in Proker Bow. They decided they wanted a cent of city sales tax there and they told the people if they didn't vote for that, well, they was going to raise their real estate tax, and out of 2,700 registered voters, there was only 700 of them came out to vote, and 400 of them passed the one-cent sales tax, and now the whole area there has to pay that one-cent sales tax. So that's how things could happen. If the local community wanted it, they would say, well, it would lower your real estate tax if you vote this in. So that is something that I think we should consider, and something else I think we should consider is if this thing would pass and get on ballots, the gambling commission clear across this United States would just spend millions and millions of dollars to try to get it passed on the ballot, and that's something that coming into the state would raise a lot of money for them but not for us. And I think every time there is a bankruptcy in any community that would have problems, who pays for that bankruptcy? Everybody else in the community would pay for it. So I think it's just on the verge of a downhill run if we'd let this started in this state, and I just wanted to stand in support of this bracket, so we can go ahead and get it passed and get rid of it, and think about something else because I don't think it's something that the Legislature should be involved in because they say, well, the Legislature should do it, you know, and let the people do it. Well, I don't think that's so. I think we was representative of each of our districts. They sent us down here to represent them. So I think we should do it and get rid of it and go on. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Jones. Before continuing,