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going down, which would seem to indicate that there should be fewer problems, but the problems are coming from the casinos that are right across the river. And, although I have never in my career promoted gambling, there comes a certain point when one thinks, does it matter if the casino is on the other side of the Missouri River or 900 feet to the east on this side of the river? What practical difference to the people of the state of Nebraska does that make? I mean just theoretically, let's say you just had one Nebraska casino on this side of the Missouri River from the Council Bluffs casino. Now, in a symbolic sense, maybe that's destructive to Nebraska because we're promoting another form of gambling, but in a practical sense is there one additional Nebraskan that's going to be exposed to casino gambling by putting that casino on this side of the river instead of on the other side of the river? It just seems to me that we're being...we've gotten to the point where we're impractical. If you could put something in a law that said that you can interdict or you can locate casinos at key strategic points in Nebraska to cut off the revenues from going to other states, then put a time limit on it so that when...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...Iowa or South Dakota or whoever shuts down their casinos, ours shut down also, that maybe that's a more practical way to look at it instead of us having to put all this money into the gambling...compulsive gambling fund for problems that are being caused by casinos in other states. And let me say that's the last I'm going to say about this because bottom line is I really think that the amendment is a good amendment and you do have to address the problem first, and I guess if it's a choice between not addressing the problem at all and addressing it out of funds that aren't really the cause of the problem in the main, I'd prefer to have Senator Smith's amendment. But I guess I'm hoping that we...that we will think with a more pragmatic turn of mind towards what's actually happening to us and not look in pure, perhaps, philosophic or ideological points of view on the issue.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.