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property tax relief or built into the General Fund budget of the state or local subdivisions, or should revenues be used to offset one-time expenses or fund one-time projects? And I would submit to you that the wiser course is the one-time expenditure and the one-time project. And, finally, which of the proposals that are going to be before you on this floor can generate, as I've mentioned before, the broadest support? Which proposal lends itself to adoption by the citizens of our state? And I might add, and which approach leads to more influence or activity, I should say, by the lobby, and I maintain that if you get more specific, it cuts down on some of that activity. So having posed those questions, I would like to tell you what is in LR 14CA. First of all, LB 14CA is basically the bill that we dealt with in this session in the same month last year that you see before you today. It was LR 6CA plus the Beutler amendment on the interdiction zone. And so you'll see in this both a provision for the federally recognized Indian tribes of Nebraska, and the interdiction gaming zone, which is, basically, a two-mile border around the state except where there is no casinos in the other state across the line. And that would be where we border Wyoming there would be no interdiction zone there, unless, of course, Wyoming eventually passes casino gaming. It would also limit those casinos to five. The Legislature would be empowered to...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...operate, regulate and tax the gaming in that interdiction gaming zone, and there is kind of different provisions for Indian gaming, and we can go into that. And then, finally, we put a provision in to limit maybe the number of Indian casinos that we would have in the state. If we're going for the approach that we should have a more limited number of gaming facilities, then we thought if we provided some incentives for the tribes not to all have gaming facilities that we could keep more control over the actual number that are out there. And I would be happy to try to answer questions, and I think I will quit for now because my time is nearly gone. I will turn my light on again, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk, I