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don't want to put words in her mouth, but she indicated that she's contemplating some process where a fund would be created, and from this fund special projects could be carried out, or things of that nature. And I think that's a great idea. I'm not... I don't believe that this money should go into the General Fund because I don't believe that we should rely on this as a general source of revenue. However, the language in LR 14CA says that no revenue shall be allocated within any county in which gaming is conducted under subsection (7). The way that that's worded, I believe that the state could not spend any money in that county, whether it's generated from a casino or not. We have, in this state a drastic need for a new veterans home, and on the Appropriations Committee a year or two ago, they decided to go forward and study the veterans home. And if that veterans home is located in Douglas County, as I read this constitutional amendment, there might be an issue as to whether or not the state could put money into Douglas County even for a veterans home. So I am very concerned about some of the language that's in LR 14CA. I know Senator Janssen has another constitutional amendment, LR 11CA, and that is almost the opposite approach here in that it's very short, and I won't say sweet, but it's very short and allows just broad enabling legislation for gaming. I believe somehow that the solution lies between these two proposals. I think somehow we need to have some direction as to where this money is to go, but I don't believe that we need to be quite as restrictive as we are in LR 11... in LR 14CA. I am concerned with the language that says that no state money can be allocated within any county, and I think any individual from a county in which a casino might be located should be concerned about that language. I'm going to continue to listen to the debate but, again, I support the concept of putting this on the ballot for the people to vote on. I think there's support for that. I think that's what they want, and I intend to support it. But, again,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...I'm of the impression now that LR 14CA is a little bit too restrictive and I'd like to see some sort of a compromise between LR 11 and LR 14. Thank you.