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enabling statutes, that there could be a prohibition from a local community getting an extra share. And...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I don't believe that we could affect that, Senator Bourne. I think that would be between the community and the business, the casino itself, to negotiate the terms. And if the city...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...didn't like the terms, there would be no casino.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. It's a new day. I'm still a no, Senator Schimek, in case you're wondering. Nothing happened last night that caused me to change my mind. I made up some...I presented some comments yesterday about the question Senator Schimek had. And I made an allusion to a point that currently, according to figures that we have of 41,610 problem gamblers in the state of Nebraska, according to a study done by the National Opinion Research Center, currently, for those 41,000 people, the minimal social cost for the state of Nebraska is \$212 million if it's left untreated. So that was something I wanted to make sure was clear, that we had the numbers. I got a copy, and I appreciated the General Affairs Committee staff bringing this to me, because I think this is also part of the discussion. If you have casinos in Omaha, Nebraska, all these groups that come to us...I know Senator Bourne has introduced legislation for them, I know that Senator Mossey has been a part of some of this legislation about these charitable groups that are doing programs funded through pickle cards, funded through bingo, and other things, and what a value they provide to our state. Well, what do you think happens if you put a casino into the state of Nebraska? And I'm going to show you what the dollar figures are currently in the state of Nebraska for what some of the individuals call charitable gaming or charitable gambling. The total dollars wagered in the state of Nebraska, I believe this was during the 2001-2002 reporting period, was \$266 million. And that includes