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Select File, in your opinion, is that a bad thing, in their current form?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Not necessarily.

SENATOR FRIEND: To continue debate.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yeah. I think...I don't know that we're getting there yet and it might be necessary for us to do that, and maybe the bill's sponsors sit down and talk about it. I know...I do want the body to remember that Senator Janssen was the early person on the scheme that is LR 14CA, and he has been extremely helpful all the way along. I don't believe he's against this bill. He was just providing an alternative. So...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that would be fine with me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. We're discussing LR 14, constitutional amendment. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Senator and members of the body. I agree with Senator Schimek that we need to get something on the ballot. I wonder what kind of vehicle it is we need to get on the ballot. I think it should be something that works for the whole entire area of the state. When she mentioned that wherever these casinos are, they're going to be having...there will be tourist...tourism, there will be sales tax that the local areas will get, and that sort of thing. My only problem is, is when you narrow it down to this two-mile interdiction zone that she has, this is in the eastern part of Nebraska only. What few towns that are within a two-mile interdiction zone in western Nebraska you could probably put in one city block in the city of Lincoln. We don't have anything that fits into that category whatsoever. One of the ones that usually gets on the news is Whiteclay, and that's usually one of the towns that would be within the two-mile interdiction zone, and I don't think we need to go into a casino there in Whiteclay. At the present time, it looks like to me that we're...the discussion is we're more concerned about the money that we're losing to Iowa,