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rather than trying to come up with a plan to bring money in from other states. With your two-mile zone, as LR 14CA is right now, this...you can pretty near draw a line across the eastern third of Nebraska, and that's where your casinos will be. We have the whole western end of the state that would have absolutely any chance for any kind of casino gambling or anything. We're actually sitting out there next to a population explosion on the front range that probably no one knows for sure where it's going to end up at. That's the reason they want our water. We got the people are coming in from the western area there. I would guess that in ten years from now, with the population explosion we have, we could probably perhaps be the tail that wagged the dog out in western Nebraska. So I think we have to look farther ahead than worrying about whether or not we're going to get some of our money back that's going to Iowa. I think we have to look to the future, and come up with a plan that's going to improve Nebraska the state over. So I myself am against this amendment. I don't think it's broad enough to take in every citizen in the state of Nebraska, and I will vote against it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. I had told myself, you know, just sit down, be quiet, don't say anything. But that's awfully hard for me to do. Senator Schimek, you and I have been down this path for a long time now. I remember when we first started on this proposal, was when the federal government told a poor Indian nation that they could not continue with a very small casino they had on the Santee Reservation. We went up there. We had Senator Schimek's Government Committee and the General Affairs Committee, a few of the members, went to the Santee Nation's so-called casino. Actually, what it was, was two double-wides put together. I remember walking in that little casino, and there was an elderly lady sitting at a nickel slot machine. She had a buffalo burger in one hand, and a roll of nickels in the other. That's \$2, a roll of nickels. And she looked up at me and she said, who are you? Well, I explained to her who I was, and why we were there. You guys aren't going to take my fun away from me, are you? I said, no, no, we're not here to do that. I said, we're here to observe what your casino is like.