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in fact, I would agree with speakers who have said, we're not going to see tax relief from gambling dollars. Well, where does the money go? Again, the people are so concerned about the money is going to Iowa and it's not staying in Nebraska. Well, you know, it's not staying in Iowa either. It's going out to Nevada, and it's still not enough for Nevada. But how are we going to keep the money in Nebraska? Well, we've heard a lot about the ballot initiatives. And I, like you, was horrified when I saw what was being proposed with the other initiative. And yet, when I thought about it, if we're interested in keeping the dollars in Nebraska, that would have kept them there in your small town, because that slot machine would have been in your local bar, and they would have spent the money right in your local small town. It wouldn't have been going to some provider or vendor that was coming in...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...and building a casino and running it in Nebraska. Well, back to that ballot issue. It's extortion, folks. Do we have to do something just because somebody else might do something horrible? It's extortion. It's like they're giving us a choice. They're going to do something bad to you, so do something bad to yourself first. I don't know. We don't need the opportunities. They're there. It's not going to give us money. That's not going to help. So I'm not convinced yet that we have come up with a proposal that really is to the benefit of Nebraska. And I've thought long and hard on a way that we could do that, but I don't feel that it's here before us yet. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I want to stand up and talk about this a little bit. I haven't talked about the gambling bill yet. But we got a constitutional amendment here we're talking about this morning. And I think Senator Brashear is really right. We really need to watch what we put in our constitution. Because what we want to do is to get it in there. And if Wyoming would decide to do it and we have to add that two miles out there, do we have to go back and