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going to vote against it on the ballot. I don't have strong feelings either way, that's just the way I'm going to do. Your people want to know what their rep is going to do, and that's all I have to say on the issue, and that's the last you will hear from me. You're probably happy for that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The Chair recognizes Senator Schrock. Senator Schrock. The Chair would now recognize Senator Beutler. Oh, excuse me, Senator Schrock, you're recognized.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I passed out a map this morning so you can see what our neighbors are doing. On this proposal, I am unsure, very unsure. I've always told my constituents I would support a reasonable proposal with a limited number of casinos and that would include the racetracks. So I think I'm a "neigh-sayer" on this proposal. (Laugh) At any rate, as you can see what Iowa does, Iowa has ten riverboat casinos. Council Bluffs has two. They each have one riverboat casino, the following cities each have one riverboat casino, Marquette, Dubuque, Clinton, Bettendorf, Davenport, Sioux City, and Osceola. The tenth riverboat is located at Fort Madison in the summer but moves to Burlington in the winter. Additionally, there are two dog tracks, one in Council Bluffs and one in Dubuque, and a horse track in Altoona, which I believe is close to Des Moines. All three tracks feature slot machines and simulcasting. I think Iowa has pretty well saturated the market. The problem with Senator Janssen's proposal is this could eventually mean slot machines in our bars, slot machines at the VFW clubs, slot machines at our bowling alleys. I cannot, in good conscience, vote to put something like this on the ballot. And I know the Legislature would have control, but we're not going to be here, not all of us are going to be here when those decisions are made. And those decisions can change. I understand what Senator Brashear said about being a purist about messing up the constitution, cluttering up the constitution, but I think it's our duty to put a proposal on the ballot that limits gambling. And I don't think this puts enough limitations on gambling. To me this is wide open, and I've heard Senator Jensen talk about the evils of gambling. I won't disagree with anything he had said because he