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regulate like we did 20-some years ago. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Janssen. The Chair recognizes Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members, The drama continues, I guess. It's been interesting listening to the debate and the pros and cons of this proposal as opposed to LR 14CA. I will say that LR 11CA, in my opinion, nonlegal expert opinion, that it is more appropriate constitutional language rather than setting out the details in the constitution. The downside of that is the open, wide-open nature of this, and certainly this, LR 11CA, is the one that could very easily put a casino in every convenience store, as South Dakota basically has, and on every corner. It was interesting, I know one of the proponents of LR 14CA said that he wanted expanded gambling but not in his town. Another statement that I found interesting was that Iowa purportedly has been preying on the citizens of Nebraska, so I guess we need to prey on our own citizens. That seems a bit interesting to me, and I...it discourages me when we know what the effects are but let's drive those effects ourselves rather than trying to defend ourselves from the outside. I believe it is our responsibility to make certain decisions. It would be really easy to take every single issue that comes up and say, well, let's let the people decide; let's put it on the ballot. I think it's our responsibility, as elected members of this institution, to make decisions and I cannot reconcile with the fact that I would be against something but just push it out there because I don't want to make the decisions. I hope that we can defeat this measure again, because I think we, as Nebraskans, can do better than this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Smith. The Chair recognizes Senator Jim Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. And thank you, Senator Smith, for your remarks. Yes, when you start down the road, the road goes on forever. When you open the door, there is no closing it. And the lobbying begins and it will begin. You know it's