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responsibility, as a body, is to craft what's on that ballot next year. I think we can do a far better job than any petition drive that goes on out there. I think we can do that. I think we can have those discussions off the floor and do a good job of crafting something that will be fair and equitable to everybody. We've heard a lot about the evils of gambling this morning. We've heard a lot about opening the door. I'd like to point out that that door was opened a long, long time ago. In Grand Island, we have Fonner Park. We also have bingo in church, although I've never heard anybody refer to those two entities as evil. Speaking directly to Fonner Park, that's been around for 50 years, 5-0, 50 years. If that was so evil, I promise you it would not be in Grand Island right now. Fonner Park is, without a doubt, the greatest community partner our city has ever had. I'll take just a minute to list some of the things they've done just this year. I'm not going to go back the last 49 years. Just this year, there's already been more \$3 million in contributions, donations to civic organizations like the Humane Society, Crime Stoppers, chamber of commerce, Family Violence Coalition, the Oasis Water Park, there's brand new soccer and softball fields there, the Red Cross, Grand Island EMTs and the fire department. They also... Fonner Park is also the home of the Hall County Fair. There's been over \$207,000 in scholarships to area high school students from Fonner Park. Over a half a million a year use that facility. Also coming up this year, they will make a \$10 million, \$10 million in-kind donation to help build the Heartland Event Center in Grand Island. That's an effort the whole community has pulled together in, and you would be hard-pressed to find anybody in Grand Island that considers Fonner Park an evil entity. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, the point I was trying to make with Senator Brashear on Initiative 300 was simply the fact that this was a matter where the people were frustrated with the Legislature. I remember the year that we made the last attempt for a statutory change similar to Initiative 300 and it failed, and so then it was taken to initiative and, of course, there are three pages of