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tailor legislation that if the amendment passes would be the enacting legislation that would detail what's going to be done here. We have that time. And that's kind of the way some things have been done in the past and I think that's a very good course of action. Then we...the people can expect that we would come back and pass what we have...or ratify what we draft next session as enabling or detailing legislation to partner with the amendment if it's adopted by the voters. So with that...oh, maybe this is a way to save the arch, but, gosh, we might do...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...something here that would prevent us from using that method. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm going to vote for this amendment. I'm going to vote against the advancement of LR 11CA and it's not because I won't do something about gambling. I will. Told you yesterday I'll do a casino in Omaha. That seems reasonable. I think the racetracks need some help. I'd help the racetracks. And if we do a casino in Omaha, that means that we will have casinos on Indian lands and that's how I can live with that. Why would I be opposed to a bill that gave us authority? I mean it's just in a sense. It says, hey, Legislature, do what you think is best. I got to tell you, under normal circumstances that's pretty attractive to me. I have a lot of faith in the legislative process. I generally think that, yeah, if we gave ourselves power and authority, we would exercise it well. But I got to tell you this is one place where we have a history and we have not done gambling legislation well. The deepest, most pernicious conflict of interest I've ever seen in 24 years occurred in the gambling area in which floor representatives for the gambling movement were involved in the gambling movement themselves at the same time, and I'm not sure that it was legal. In fact, I suspicion that it wasn't legal. So that we had at least one senator that I can think of who had an equity position in illegal gambling machines that couldn't be used in this state, trying to get the state of Nebraska to authorize the machines that were illegal to