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these debates and they speak of the potential negative implications that will occur should we allow expanded gambling. I wish that they would kind of put a disclaimer in there and say, except for Synowiecki's district, because it's already been introduced in my district. Members, if I have to remind you the geographical boundary of my district, I'm right across the river from them. I could get to a casino from my house quicker than I can get to most restaurants in my district. So when members get up and speak of the negative implications of gambling, I wish they would kind of put a disclaimer in there about Synowiecki's district, because we've got it. We have expanded gambling. We are...it is a part of our community in southeast Omaha. It's, again, closer to my house than many of the restaurants that I can get to within my district boundaries. So, from a purely constituency driven perspective, from my constituency, the driven perspective that these arguments of the introduction of expanded gambling, logically they just hold no water. They're not logical for my district, again, from a constituency driven perspective. Also, philosophically, what we're doing here during these debates is we're weighing whether or not to allow the people, the citizens, to vote on these issues. I, for one, have full faith and confidence in the voters of Nebraska that they will be able to weigh both the positive and negative implications of expanded gambling. I have full faith and confidence in our electorate to do that. We need a constitutional amendment to expand gaming. There seems to be good logic behind interdicting some of that money that goes from Nebraska to Iowa. There seems to be good logic in allowing the racetracks to participate. Let's just give the citizens an opportunity themselves to weigh the positives, the negatives of these proposals. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I rise with so much to say but only five minutes, so we're going to try and pick and choose. For two years in my short life, I lived in...or two summers, excuse me, I lived in Kansas City, Missouri. I worked in a company down there and had an opportunity to do some work with leadership programs. And