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that would cause more problems for addictive behavior. And then, as already been mentioned, the people from out of state, the machine owners that have come to Nebraska, spent a lot of time and money invested here, I don't believe are in the best...doing that in the best interests of the people of the state of Nebraska. I think they're looking out for their own interests. And I, like some of the rest of you, have heard the people. My constituents have told me, let the people vote on this; just that's what it's all...that's the only thing we're talking about, is let the people vote on this. And then I have just as many of my constituents say that they sent me down here to study the issues, get all the information I can ahead of time, and then vote the tough decisions. They don't want to be bothered with that. So we have both of those opinions out there. And I don't know what this has to do with anything, and maybe it doesn't have to do with this, but I just need to share with you that every time this let-the-people-decide issue comes up, regardless of what we're talking about, whether it's gambling or what, I think about that little incident that happened 2000 years ago across a big pond of water where this political figure, this government official, this governor, if you would please, turned his responsibility over to the people and then he asked his servant to bring him a basin with water in it so he could wash his hands of the blood of the subject. I am going to be one that will be voting against this proposal and make the tough choice that some of my constituents expect me to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. Senator McDonald, followed by five others.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President, people of the body, I guess one of the things when I was out campaigning was, why don't you let us vote on this? Why do you think that you should be able to keep us from voting on that? And my answer back to them was, if you have the opportunity to vote on this, would you vote for it or against it? Says, you know, we don't know, but we want the opportunity to vote on it, and we don't think that you should take that away from us. And I get phone calls saying, well, don't get this out of committee, don't get this out on the floor, because if it does then we get the chance to vote on it