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think that the horse is out of the barn. I think that we have expanded gaming here now or right next-door and that if we're going to do it we might as well do it and regulate it ourselves; take some of the funds for the general use of the state and treat problem gaming, problem gamblers, with those funds. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Back again, it's exciting. Senator Price made a very valuable point to me and I'm going to try and implement it from now on. I'm going to slow down so that you can all hear everything that I have to say, whether you want to or not and whether you're paying attention or not. I stand in amazement, to be honest with you, because a lot of the questions that people have brought up today are valid ones, but they were the same questions that I heard in my campaign--where do you stand on gambling? This was years ago, Senator Price, years ago. This was a good two and a half years now, an eternity in political time. And you know what was amazing was that the same questions that are asked here today about, we want to vote, we want to vote, okay, so we would ask the question similar to what Senator McDonald did, was would you vote for it or would you vote against it? And they would say, well, of course we're opposed to it, but we want...we just want the chance. And you get into that discussion and it is kind of interesting. But I'm going to bring us back to what Senator Tyson brought up. When I got elected, when I was campaigning before I got elected, people would ask me, they would say, Phil, where you at on gambling issues? What do you think of keno? What do you think of lottery? What do you think of, potentially, casinos? I'd say I'm opposed to the casinos. I wouldn't mind it, honestly, if we wouldn't have the lottery altogether, but I'm not sure that it's in my power to do that. And they would say, great, that's where we want you to be. And so in my district there are some that have said, no, we want casinos, and some have said, no, we want to do this, we want to do that; but overwhelmingly the people that I talk to say, we want to vote no. Now if that's you or if that's us, you know, it would be fun if we could vote, but if you're going to vote no we understand because you've told us