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SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Cudaback, members of the body, go back to what we talked about a few days back, why are we here discussing the gambling issue? There's a couple of things that have driven this discussion; one is last fall we saw an issue that just about was on the ballot where only a judge's decision saved this from being brought to the November ballot. All of us thought that this issue that just about made it to the ballot was a very bad way of controlling gambling in this state. We looked upon that as a wake-up call. Now I kind of fear that some of us have hit the snooze alarm and rolled over and think it isn't going to happen again. I think it will happen again. I think it is up to this Legislature to devise the best possible legislation that we can. The other reason that we're here is that we had all of the publicity about all of the money from Nebraska going to Iowa. That somehow has gotten lost in this discussion. We're already putting casinos all around the state in Nebraska. We're worrying about the racetracks; all of these different kind of problems. I think we either have to make the decision that we're going to let the people, unquote, vote for something good and then that comes down to restrictive gambling or open gambling. I think this is too open. I would be in favor of making it very, very restrictive. Our concern was the money going to Council Bluffs. I would favor putting just a very few casinos on the west edge of the bridges coming from Council Bluffs. You can call it the zone that Senator Schimek was referring to, if you'd like, but I think Omaha, for this exclusive contract, has to pay a price. Any time that you give a franchise, it costs money. Someone I think said that auctioning this, in a sense, is not such a bad idea. Maybe we ought to rethink that. Maybe it isn't such a dumb idea. But Senator Schimek's bill originally had something that I thought the rest of us in the other parts of the state could buy into, that is let Omaha have the indirect values of the casinos. They are going to fill their hotel rooms. They are going to use their convention center. They are going to have people going to their shopping centers. You take all the taxes from that, that's quite a windfall. If you made it so that every county that had a casino in it didn't get the benefits from the direct tax money from the gambling, this would seem to me that this would be a pretty good way of spreading the wealth around.