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people within the body on this important piece of legislation. This is a big decision we're all going to make for the state of Nebraska to bring us, I would say, at least up to speed with the rest of the states that surround us. Yesterday, the amendment to this bill now allows gaming at eight...up to eight facilities authorized, and I emphasize that again, authorized by the Legislature and, of course, the federal y recognized tribes that have the right to game under federal law, as soon as something like this is passed. And I want to make that clear, that we have to negotiate with the tribes no matter what, what type of Class III gaming is introduced to Nebraska, so. And there have been some concerns about some of the cities that will be losing some revenue generated through their keno. Well, I, you know, I believe that any keno clubs from, let's say, Colfax County on east, I think that they have seen a reduction in their receipts from keno largely due to the fact of the proximity of the riverboats in Iowa. I don't believe that moving a casino in the state of Nebraska, let's say, a mile further west is going to hamper those certain organizations as much as they think it is. Actually, I believe you'd be able to get to the riverboats a little quicker in Council Bluffs than you could get to one downtown Omaha, especially where the city would appreciate having one next to the convention center. So actually I believe you could, if you're coming, say, from Lincoln, you would probably get there quicker than you could downtown. With that, any of the time that I have remaining, if Senator Schimek would like to say a few words on what happened yesterday, I would give her the rest of...

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...my time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Janssen, you have no time. That was just an opportunity to tell us where we're at on the bill. So...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Oh, so I can keep going on then...

SPEAKER BROMM: ...now we'll...