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you like gambling, there are a whole lot of things that I think that the public needs us to clarify. Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Brown. I think, Mr. Clerk, do you have some things to read into the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. A hearing notice from Appropriations and Natural Resources. Your Committee on Natural Resources reports LB 301 to General File with amendments. Agriculture Committee reports LB 212 to General File. (Legislative Journal pages 733-737.)

Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend LR 11CA, FA1188. Excuse me, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 737.)

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hartnett, members of the committee, appreciate your patience. This will be the last amendment that I know about at all this morning. Then we can move and vote on the bill. And this is a minor amendment, trying to clean up some additional items. Again, it's very technical in nature. But on page 2, line 21, it inserts after "federal", "gaming", the word "gaming". So it makes clear that we're talking about federal gaming law. And that's the only thing it does. I know there's more discussion. So I'll stop there and let the discussion take place. Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Stuhr, followed by Erdman, Janssen, Smith, Schimek, Kremer.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. We've been debating the question of, do we want expanded gambling in Nebraska? This morning I've heard a lot of discussion on, it's about control. And yet, we always come back to revenue and money. And I don't think that any of us can deny that some of the first arguments were we have to keep the money from crossing the river. I think that research has pointed out that if we have casinos in Nebraska, the amount of money gambled will increase dramatically. I think one of our own senators