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have to say.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Okay.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: But I think it's important for us to start resolving to treat issues like this gambling not with the idea of, is gambling good or bad. I think we need to be responsible and we need to put forth a proposition for the public that they have an opportunity to vote on. That's the reason why I presented my amendment. I think that it's important that we have an amendment that will allow the entire state...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...to participate in this process. And casinos aren't going to be spread throughout the state of Nebraska. But the gaming prospects that I'm talking about are available throughout the state of Nebraska, and they should be into the mix as to determining what is in the best interests of the state. And certainly the money from keno itself up to this time has been used for very worthwhile purposes. And all that this would be considering, if we pass enabling legislation, would be directed along the lines of modernizing equipment. With that, I thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Cudaback, I would to withdraw my amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. We are now back to the Don Pederson amendment itself, AM1119 to LR 11CA, so we know where we're at. Discussion of the Pederson amendment. Those wishing to speak are Senators Beutler, Jensen, Schimek, Tyson, Janssen, Erdman, Combs, Bromm, and Engel. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, we've been through a considerable process on General File involving a compromise between those who wanted to leave the constitutional provision wide open to any form of gambling, and those who, on the other hand, did not want to, basically, extend