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LR 11

SENATOR VRTISKA: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: I hope we all vote our conscience. But I think we ought to think, what does our constituency want? Not the ones that are in the newspaper, not the ones that are on the radio, not the ones that are sending me e-mails. And most of my e-mails are against gambling. I think we have to vote for what we think is good for the long-term run in the state. And if this brings on another petition drive, let it be on their heads. Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Next speaker is Senator Janssen, followed by nine others. Senator Tyson.. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. You know, I guess the question is, right now, is if you want...do you want to set the numbers now or do you want to set them later? I...if you look at the original LR 11CA, it is so much similar to Senator Pederson's amendment. The only difference being is that there is a number set now. Now, do you want to set the number later or do you want to set it now? That was in the...that is not what LR 11CA is right now, but it was at one time. Something was said about, we could probably have more racetracks in the state of Nebraska. Well, we have a racing commission that does determine where those racetracks are going to be, and how many there are. So that would be up...if you had to have live racing, which you have to have, even at some of the tracks where...the one in Omaha, Horsemens Park, they do have live racing, I think, one time a year, which qualifies them as a thoroughbred horse racing track. The rest of the time, they have simulcast racing. And before I go any further, I want to thank Senator Chambers for not opposing this amendment. I think Senator Chambers has chosen the right way to go here. And Senator Tyson, you say we...you know, this is such a bad proposal. Well, you know, I voted for your concealed carry bill, and there were a lot of people that thought that your proposal was very asinine also. (Laughter) And so...so there you go. You know, what one person thinks is the greatest thing since sliced bread, the other one doesn't. But