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it's then your option. But at least we have cleared up the questions that currently exist in the Nebraska Constitution. It's not authorizing anything. It's not permissive. It's just simply saying that the Legislature will control. And that if the Legislature makes a determination that there should be these kinds of gaming in the state of Nebraska, then the individuals within the communities will have the option to vote as to whether they wish to have that kind of gaming. So I think it's strictly up to first us, as a Legislature, to make appropriate legislation. And then, finally, it's up to the individuals within the communities as to whether or not there is the kind of gaming that they want to have. And I would submit that we all need to be responsible in this regard. And it isn't as if there won't be some competing proposal out there because we already know there has been and there will be. And I'm afraid that any competing proposal would take the Legislature out of the picture in making appropriate legislation and I, from what I saw when it was being circulated as a petition before, I would question the responsibility of the people who were circulating it. And I think the people who were signing those initiative petitions thought they were doing it to save the state of Nebraska from all of its financial woes. And I don't think that's an issue in this case. I think we just need to have the most appropriate legislation that we can have, and I believe that this will allow us to do that with this constitutional amendment. So I urge your approval of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. You've heard the closing on FA1258, the first component of the divided question to LR 11CA.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: (Microphone malfunction) I'd like to ask for a call of the house. I'd like to ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson, did...Senator Pederson?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: If the microphone worked, I was asking for a call of the house.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There has been a request for a call of the