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SENATOR LOUDEN: Probably a little over a hundred and some thousand population in that area.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay. Now what would you say the amount of traffic that goes through that area on a given day would be?

SENATOR LOUDEN: According to the Department of Roads, there's 17,000 cars a day go past North Platte. Now that's just in North Platte. I right now wouldn't know what would be going down Highway 20 or I wouldn't know which...how many are going up Highway 385 from the south. I...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Now in your opinion then, you would take this into consideration, the amount of traffic that is flowing through that area also would be more apt to stop after a lengthy journey from the eastern part of the state or from Wyoming and Colorado, and this would add then to the population or the growth or the potential of people who would visit these facilities. Am I correct? Is that the way you're thinking?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah, Senator. My thinking would be at the present time, according to the Game and Parks Department, there's over 300,000 people go through Fort Robinson alone in a summer. On any given three-day weekend, Lake McConaughy will pull 100,000 people into that area alone. Those are all people that come from out of there, because I know every person in the western end of the state doesn't go to Lake McConaughy on a three-day weekend. So if you have 100,000 people there, they've come from somewhere else. I guess that would be comparing that to having your third largest city on football game day in Lincoln at Memorial Stadium. I think we have tourist attractions out there. We have scenery and we have the historical parts of the Pine Ridge area and Fort Robinson. All of these need to be developed. And I think if we're going to do casino gambling, then something like this would help us do something as a point of destination.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Thank you, Senator Louden. If we have...if LR 11CA, in its present form, comes out and we make that...put that on the ballot, we are allowing in the amendment up to eight facilities within the state so, Senator Louden, that