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the advancement of this bill, and I've been assured that Senator Schimek is also going to vote against the bill today. The irony about the committee amendment is, is that we actually amended it to say what it says so that those of us who are term limited out with odd number districts might actually have an opportunity to repeal this. Otherwise, we would have...none of us who are currently here today, with the exception of our new senators, would have had a chance to review this, and so that was the real reason behind the committee amendment. The underlying bill...the goal of the underlying bill is what I'd like to speak to, and that is lottery in the state of Nebraska is not generating the revenue that everybody wants and the idea is, is that we're going to make it more lucrative to entice more people to become destitute by using the state lottery system, thus, increasing the amount of money to these funds, these well-intended funds, and that is the underlying goal of LB 367, or should I say the intended consequence, because that is a recognized reality of the situation. So I'll be opposing LB 367, not a surprise to Senator Janssen, I'm sure, and would encourage you to do the same. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I stand up in support of the amendment and the bill. If you look at the committee statement, most of the people that would be affected by this bill all testified in favor of the bill. It's not going to lower the amount that any of them get over the next years and I think it's a way to help promote the lottery. We've got to remember the people of Nebraska voted in the lottery, so that was their decision and we're just trying to keep that going and trying to keep the recipients of the lottery money with the money they need to do their projects. And I would give my time to Senator Janssen, if he needs. He waives. I'll return my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. There are no further lights on. Senator Janssen, you're recognized, as Chairman of the General Affairs Committee, to close on your