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SENATOR ERDMAN: You pick.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, if they are outside of the state, yes, they would have to pay that. They'd have to pay the sales tax.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Then they wouldn't be...they wouldn't have to pay that if they were within the state. They are promoting something that's illegal, and I believe that's how this is defined.

SENATOR JANSSEN: If they was within the state, this would not apply to them because then we would have this type of gaming in this state. Only that activity which is not legal in this state.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Right. It says casinos would be illegal until a vote of the people, it would be taxed until the ballot passed?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR ERDMAN: So if I'm the Venetian, and I'm sitting out there wanting to promote casinos and not...it doesn't say their casino, it just says a casino or the activities of a casino, then their active lobbying on the constitutional amendment in the form of advertising would be taxed?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes. They are outside of the state of Nebraska and they buy advertisement in this state, I'd have to...they would be promoting something that isn't legal in this state. I'd have to check with counsel but I believe that that would be it.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you. I think the def...I think the distinguishment here is not on where the group is located but rather what activity they are promoting. I think it would also apply to a group of citizens, whoever in the state of Nebraska, who would buy an ad that says we support casinos. They are illegal in the state of Nebraska at the time they purchase the ad. They are promoting the activities and well-being of a casino and I think that that tax would apply to them as well. I'm going to support the amendment, but I just thought that was