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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Senator Brashear, from time to time we've had discussions about, and I know that many people are concerned about, just exactly what kind of a tax would be placed upon a casino in the state of Nebraska, and I don't see any particular reference to that tax in this proposal. Would you like to comment on that?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: The reason it's not referenced in this proposal is because I believe that would fall to the Legislature and whatever authority or authorities the Legislature establishes for the taxing of casino gambling. I notice, in preparation for this, that, you know, in Iowa they were doing...I think I mentioned they were doing their riverboats at 20 percent and their racetracks at 32 percent.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes. And I recognize that we have some constriction here by the fact that we're trying to do things constitutionally and it's hard to impose all of these things within the constitution, but there is an uncertainty that develops as a result of that as to what kind of a measure the Legislature would ultimately place upon that. In reading the proposal, it appears to me, from what I know about these racetracks, that Horsemen's Park and Atokad are both omitted from this proposal. In other words, there could not be racetracks (sic) at those locations. Is that your understanding?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That is my understanding and they were eliminated on the basis of not having live racing.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: And what criteria does that have to do with casino gambling?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Simply trying to avoid...again, I was interested from...coming from my perspective and trying to bring other people on board, I was trying to limit the number of casinos. If you include those two, then we've gone from six to eight.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: So that was the rationale for...