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gone outside their boundaries and established those, but that's still up to debate whether that's correct or not. But I want to point out that Iowa...so we would have ten casinos. Iowa has ten riverboat casinos, three racetrack slot casinos, and three Indian casinos. The tenth one was opened in Osceola in January of 2000 and, yes, I think Senator Brashear did correctly describe why they are looking to expand three more casinos to alleviate the problem that they had in the percentage that is going to the state. Also, I do want to mention that the minimum age in Iowa is 21 for all casinos, although there is a legal challenge taking place by one of the Indian-owned casinos which claims the right to determine minimum gambling age. Now if that happened in Iowa, that same thing can happen in Nebraska, and I think it will happen. Of particular concern to me is that we would have a casino on the University of Nebraska campus. Think about that, a casino on the University of Nebraska campus. There would be one right next to the Devaney Center. And then you have certainly in our university many young people that,...

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...getting out of classes, would probably yearn to go over to the casino. That is troubling to me. Also we need to do this because of a petition that's out there, a petition that might come. I think if we pass this bill we can be guaranteed that there will be a petition filed by the keno people to again put something else on the ballot. So it's just that vicious circle that we continue to go through. It would certainly be my recommendation that we do not act on this this year, that we hold it over and spend the time next year. Perhaps we can come up with an agreement where more people could participate in. But to do this today at four o'clock, with two days left, I think is not doing justice to the amendment, to the work that has gone on before with Senator...

SENATOR BAKER: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Speaking order is Senator Schimek, Brown, Tyson, Johnson, Bourne, Cudaback, and