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the Missouri River, as it exists on July 1, 2003, shall be declared a part of the state of Nebraska. The Governor of the state of Nebraska may declare an emergency and activate the National Guard to carry out the intent of this bill and to protect the assets located in the city of Carter Lake, now in Nebraska. Now, on the surface, this would appear to be a humorous proposal, and I've been cautioned that the members of the Iowa Legislature may not take it kindly, but we have received a copy of a bill from Senator Brashear that on the face of it appears a lot more serious than my amendment and we've been advised to dismiss it. Senator Jensen talked about delaying this, and that would be fine if a delay would accomplish anything, but I don't know that it's going to. And I would like to ask Senator Brashear a question, if he would yield, please.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Brashear, would you respond?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR BROWN: Senator Brashear, Senator Jensen suggested that if we pass this it would increase the likelihood of a petition effort to add something to the constitution. What do you think the likelihood of a petition effort is absent the passage of any legislation by our body?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I think it's highly probable, using legal parlance. Do you want something more specific?

SENATOR BROWN: Well,...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Like nearly certain?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes. That is the answer to the question. I mean we...all we're doing here is playing defense. We're playing defense against the state of Iowa and we're playing defense against the other possibilities that exist. I have never been a proponent of expanded gambling in the state of Nebraska. And if...and I've said this before, but if we were an island then I would say, fine, we can say that we're not going to do this. Not only are we not an island, but we've got part