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one casino, a sink of depravity up in Wagner, South Dakota, run by an Indian tribe. The gaming portion of that or the gambling portion of it was perhaps 25 percent of the area of just from between the columns and front to back. The rest of it was a bar, restaurant, entertainment, stage, dance floor. And it will never be anything more than that, than a little wide spot in the road, for one reason. It does not have the population to draw from. Some of the most effective and profitable casinos are back east. There's an Indian tribe. I don't think they're Indians, but they call themselves Indians and the federal government fell for it. And they're in Connecticut and they have booming business because they have the population. There are two population centers in Nebraska capable of supporting even one casino, and that's Omaha and Lancaster...or Lincoln.

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: What I am trying to say to you is that it would be another way of throwing money into a few locations. Grand Island I don't think really would prosper and I don't think that Columbus would prosper, even though they have horse races there. But all in all, there's nothing immoral about gambling, but there is something immoral about enticing people to their ruin, and that I would offer to you is what these people are after and nothing else. I urge you to vote against the return to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Johnson, and then Senator Bourne.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yeah, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think we should thank Senator Brashear for what he has brought out in facts that do come before us. I think we should also pay attention to what Senator Tyson just got done saying. The interesting thing is that they both say one thing and that is the problem is with Iowa. I remember that the loss of revenue is 80 percent to Iowa. Now, if that's where the problem is, why in the world are we worried about building casinos all over Nebraska? If we're going to build a casino, let's build it