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where it belongs, on the west edge of the Dodge Street bridge in Omaha, next to the Convention Center. That's where the problem is. Why do we include racetracks? Which of the racetracks in Nebraska are doing well? Why don't we include all of the racetracks if that's the case? The fact of the matter is none of the racetracks are doing well at all. Would you bet on the horses as lame as the economy of the racetracks? I don't think so. Why not build a casino on Ak-Sar-Ben grounds rather than down by the Convention Center? It's obvious that you wouldn't build it on Ak-Sar-Ben. It's equally obvious that you don't build it on racetracks all around the state of Nebraska. The problem is Iowa. The next question is, is look at my own town of Kearney. I've stood on this floor here earlier in the day and said that it is one of the bright spots in the economy of Nebraska. It is one of the largest convention centers in the state of Nebraska. Do you now want to build a casino at a racetrack 40 miles away and destroy a going concern? I don't think so. How about our neighbors? Hastings, you better get ready for a casino too, North Platte, Lexington, Holdrege. What we really need, if we're going to do it, and here is a preacher's kid from outstate Nebraska saying if we're going to do this let's build one or two first class casinos next to the Convention Center. Hopefully then we'll stop the money going to Iowa. This is a regional Convention Center and perhaps we can get some outstate money coming to Nebraska. The one thing that I would suggest is this. The rest of us in outstate Nebraska want something too. How about letting Omaha book their convention, book their hotels, fill up their restaurants, have people shopping in their shopping centers and that would be Omaha's share; let the rest of the state of Nebraska share the other money? I go back to the main problem--Iowa. We just need a rifle, not an artillery barrage. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm glad that Senator Brashear recognizes how important this is to pass this bill this year and, during his colloquy with Senator Chambers, he indicated that he would...and I don't want to put words into his mouth, but he indicated that he would support the