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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Connealy, and then Senator Landis.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I too am glad that Senator Brashear finally woke up. (Laugh) I woke up about ten years ago. I was a very...I was really strongly against gambling when the lottery came in. When Iowa expanded gambling, I was strongly against it. I...but I live on a farm on the eastern side of the state, right by...right near the river. I can see a casino from one of my farms. All...almost all the population of the state of Nebraska lives within just a very small drive to a casino. We have it here. We have passed by a lot of legislation, as Senator Jensen talked about. I passed over a bill that I wanted to get passed, my priority bill, but I think that even speaks more to the fact that we should do something on this piece that we've worked on extensively this year. We ought to finish the work on this. We have enough time this session to offer this to the people, to offer them an idea that I think is limited but worthy of the people to look at. I, too, have some concerns about the fund. It's not enough to keep me from supporting the amendment and then the bill. I would rather have us appropriate the money and have a little more control by the Legislature and maybe we'd do that on another amendment as we...as we move through this, but I do rise in support of this as it limits the constitutional amendment. And I will yield my...the rest of my time to Senator Loudon, if he'd like it.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Loudon, you have 2 minutes and 50 seconds.

SENATOR LOUDON: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I've been involved in this gambling issue now from clear back in the dark days, some 87 days ago, and at the present time I kind of wonder if we're running the wrong way with the ball. We started out with Senator Janssen's amendment and there was just going to be gambling in the state of Nebraska, was mostly all his amendment was about. Then we worked around till we had five casinos. Then we had eight casinos. Now we're back down to six casinos. I kind of...I agree with Senator Cudaback that I don't like to see a number in