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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Seven minutes? Senator Janssen, would you care to have the rest of my time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: About 2, 57, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, I'm not going to stand on this floor and bash any of the petitions. Those petitions are there because of our inability to put something on the ballot for the people to vote on. They're...they are there and we're going to have to deal with them. And I believe, and I've always believed, that the people of this state are going to support something of this nature, and they're not going to look at the fine print. They're not going to look at the entire ballot question. They are frustrated that we haven't done something here and they will vote for something. They will. And if you want...you know, I look at South Dakota. Do you want another South Dakota? Do you want the machines in every liquor outlet throughout the state? I don't believe there's anybody in here that wants something like that without any control. Sure, they have a gambling commission, but if you follow the statutes or you follow the constitutional amendments, their hands are pretty much tied. With the...what this does gives the Legislature the ability to control, it gives them the ability to control up to eight facilities throughout the state. Will there be eight casinos?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I doubt very much whether there will be eight casinos in this state. Because we have 1.7 million people in this state, it's unreasonable that we would have that many. But the number of eight could be we could take care of some of the concerns of the rest of the body that feel as though we need something close to us. It could be a coalition of keno operators. You have Big Red. You have a group out in central Nebraska that have joined together in a group to utilize one set of books and so on. I could envision one of those coming to the Legislature and saying, look, we have got so many keno clubs...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.