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SENATOR SMITH: I haven't asked it yet.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Good. (Laugh)

SENATOR SMITH: Now, you've pointed out, and I can somewhat understand that your efforts are to keep a bad ballot measure from appearing on the ballot...or a bad initiative piece from appearing on the ballot. What do you think we can do, what is it that we can do that will, I suppose, keep that off the ballot? Is that what you think will happen?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Smith, I think it's a possibility that if we do something that some of the others will lose their steam. I don't know that, but I think it is a possibility.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you. Certainly it's a possibility. And I would beg for the question, or the statement, that it's not probable, it's not likely that it will go away. And for that reason, based on my position that gambling as a means of government revenue is bad, it's cheap, it's desperate, it preys on people who, yeah, they go there voluntarily, but it would be difficult to say they're not coerced into doing that when they're inundated and pummeled with advertising from large entities that are very skilled at getting them into their premises. And I'm suspect when we have so many outside influences with promoting gambling. We have entities from Las Vegas saying, hey, this is great for Nebraska, this is great for Nebraska, you need to expand gambling in Nebraska. So then...and they even say, and we'll even give a lot of it to the government. Now, let's think about that. Several years ago, we had the promotion of the lottery on the ballot, and a lot of people voted for that, thinking their taxes were going to go down, or certainly their taxes would slow on the increase. Last I checked, that has not happened. In fact, the lottery has created an annual fight for the dollars. Where should it go? In fact, some groups that receive lottery money now claim that they have constitutional protection. They're not in there. And now we have this year a constitutional amendment to put them in there. So how many annual fights are we going to create by promoting expanded gambling? And to me, a vote to put it on the