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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...if they put something on the ballot, would carry the day, if it would receive more votes than the other petitions and that would be the one that would prevail and then that would be the one that the Legislature or the state of Nebraska would govern under. That's it. And depending upon the groups that organize in opposition to this idea in favor of other ideas, or vice versa, we still may be here saying, well, we didn't solve anything. I think the other thing that might be interesting to find out is, when you do polling--and we had a General Affairs hearing my first year down here, and the gentleman kept saying, 96 percent of the people want to vote for this. He said that over and over and over again. We finally asked him what "this" was, and he says, well, vote on the opportunity to expand gambling. And I said, so you're saying 96 percent of people want this? No, no, no, no. I don't know what they want. So again, we may have progressed progressive as far as the debate, but in 43 opportunities to expand gambling across the United States in the last year, 41 of them failed.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR ERDMAN: People are wise enough. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on FA1448, offered by Senator Loudon? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate on the Loudon amendment to the Schimek amendment. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.