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probably less costly in the printing of the ballot. But I think it's fine the way it is. And I probably am going to oppose your amendment, because of the consistency in the constitution. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Johnson, on the Erdman amendment to the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR JOHNSON: In difficult decisions like this, I think sometimes its best to refer back to some of the great American philosophers, such as Yogi Berra and Willie Sutton. Yogi Berra said, when you come to a fork in the road, take it. Willie Sutton, when asked why he robbed banks, he said, because that's where the money is; things that we probably ought to remember in this Chamber. Where's the problem? Eighty percent of our problem is Council Bluffs, Iowa. Yet, we're talking about fixing everything. When you go to the emergency room with a broken leg, they don't put a total body cast on you. That's what we're doing here today, and what we've attempted to do in the past. I think that our senators from Omaha don't want to look like they're for Omaha, so I'm going to stand up and make a bit of an advocacy for them. We have a regional convention center in Omaha. Why not a regional first-class casino next door? One of the things that you hope to get with a regional convention center is people from other cities coming to Omaha. They fill your hotels, restaurants, et cetera. Seems to me that this is a way of getting a transfusion of money into our state, rather than losing money like we now do. What does Omaha get? They get the full hotels, full shopping centers, full restaurants. How about the rest of us, in outstate Nebraska? Well, I've suggested this last year as well. It's still true. Be like Willie Sutton--send us the money; we'll be happy with just the money. Let Omaha have the direct benefits, but the state money that is derived from this, spread that around the rest of the state. We've got lots of places where we need them. Rural economic development has many forms. This could be a way that we could foster that. We could have scholarships. We could attempt to keep...educate and keep our people at home. The Internet and other...these other type of services are things that can be used in outstate Nebraska if we have different ways of helping people get their businesses started and functioning.