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going badly already. I don't know how the Speaker is going to control the agenda if everything is a filibuster, and stymied, and nothing happens. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Kruse, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. We're rolling the dice here. Everybody on every side of this--and there's about six sides of it--everybody is rolling the dice. And I don't like the way of going about that, but we don't have enough data to know what the public will do, so that's the box we're in. I will support Senator Smith's amendment, and will vote to move this forward from General File. And this is the reason for it; because I think, as Senator Bromm and others have said, it is time for the public to have a decent proposal to vote on. I am adamantly opposed to expanding our gambling. Words cannot express how strongly I oppose that. And it has nothing to do with morals. We've got gambling. It has everything to do with money. There is no proposal out there, including this one, that will not cost the state dollars, net dollars. Some groups will gain, and they're all out there looking for us. But I have yet to see a single proposal that shows that the state would be ahead on dollars if any of these pass. So simply from a point of view of fiscal conservative responsibility, we don't have the money. Remember? We're out of money. We don't have money to put into this kind of a thing, no matter how glitzy it is and no matter how nice the bells sound inside and how sweet the carpet is. I believe that these proposals and petitions are going to keep coming forward until we put out a reasonable one. And this I would endorse as a reasonable proposal, since the Legislature has control of it, and hopefully would never authorize any of them, but the people could vote. This would mean a massive informational campaign on our part, those of us who oppose expanded gambling. I'm willing to commit to that, because I think the future of our other services in Nebraska are at stake. I think we need to face this issue once and for all, I hope. If it passes, we are in trouble. If the present petition out there passes, it is a disaster. I am on the side of those who want to do what we can to put together a reasonable proposal, and then to talk the