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part of that is establishing a little bit of legislative record, and that the Legislature has the opportunity to say, yes, local folks should vote on it, at this point, because we're already into some details with the number of casinos that would go into the constitution. And to me, local voter approval is more of a fundamental issue than the number of casinos across the state, in whatever time zone. Am I only entitled to file an amendment if I agree with the bill in its entirety, or the resolution, the amendment? Absolutely not. So I strongly disagree, and am a bit put out by Senator Beutler's assertion that I'm being unfair because I filed this amendment but I don't plan to vote for the bill. Do I run the risk of making what I consider a bad bill to be a little better? Yeah. And that does make me a little nervous if it would bring on some support to the bill. But certainly I feel that I have the right, Senator Beutler may disagree with me, but I feel that I have the right to file an amendment that I think addresses a very fundamental issue when it comes to expanded gambling in Nebraska. If a county, one of 93, says, we don't want it, they shouldn't be forced to take it just because out-of-state Las Vegas interests say that would be a good place to put it. There are communities, I'm guessing, that don't want it, and they certainly should have the right to reject that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Folks, the lobby is having a ball. They're doing the happy dance, except for maybe a few. You know, and looking at your amendment, Senator Smith, it says that the Legislature shall provide for the submission of the question of whether to authorize a casino location in a particular county to the registered voters at such a county prior to the authorization of a casino in that county. Well, you know, that county has voted to put you in office. They expect you to represent them in this Legislature. Not everyone in your county agrees with my position, and I'm sure not everyone in your county agrees with your position. That's why this bill, or this constitutional amendment allows a vote of the people from the whole state. And whatever that decision is, we live with. I see no harm with what you're trying to do. But the object...or the reason that you're doing it is just to slow