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who have some good philosophical reasons that they are against the bill, and that's great. That's their privilege. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. On with discussion, Senator Hartnett, followed by Senators Smith, Erdman, and Beutler. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I haven't spoke...I'm like some other people, I haven't spoken on the issue. I...and when debates go on for a long time, you kind of (laugh)...you kind of quit listening. But I listened yesterday to what Senator Mines had to say, and he did a little bit more formally than I, had taken a poll in his district, and I think what Senator Baker had said related to this subject. And I only do the poll of my downtown coffee shop, and my downtown coffee shop said, you know, we should have the right to vote on this issue. And that's what they're telling me. Another thing that concerns me, if we don't do something and if we let the other ones, as Senator Schimek was talking about, get on the ballot, is that...I, because one of my concerns and it's not in this bill, and I'll ask Senator Schimek or Senator Janssen a question here when I get done talking and so forth, is the idea, and I think Senator Jensen brought it up yesterday, about the problem of compulsory gamblers, the problem with compulsive gambling. The Nebraska Council of Compulsive Gamblers have their office in my district. And it's...and the idea, and I was part of it when we did pass the state lottery back a few years ago, that we put in 1 percent for compulsory (sic) gambling. And the person that really started it was myself and Senator Will, Eric Will, at that time that kind of got it into the mix and so forth. And the person that was...really, the idea behind it was a person that used to work for me, was a teacher that had a problem with gambling. And so that's the idea how...and so my question, I guess, will be to Senator Schimek and to...or Senator Janssen, and so forth a little bit, is that we have a problem with casino gambling, according to my...just talked to the director this morning. In 2003, they had 2,000 calls from people into their office and 55 percent of them were casino gamblers. So the problem is here. Will this number go higher? I don't know, but the problem is already here with casino gambling and maybe because,