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it's the crack cocaine of gambling. I think as a destination, I think that would be the proper. Of course, we have to understand also, with this one casino, that if that does go through, there's a possibility of four other casinos in the state, because of the tribes will have...be able to build casinos also. A couple of tribes I don't think are interested in it, because they already have casinos in Iowa. So I like this concept of one casino. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Smith. Senator Smith, there are no further lights on, if you would like to close on your amendment, or speak to your amendment, either one.

SENATOR SMITH: I'll speak to the amendment. And...

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may do so.

SENATOR SMITH: ...in case someone else wants to chime in here, I wasn't quite prepared for such a quick...I thought at least the sponsor of the bill would have some feedback. But certainly, thank you, Senator Engel, for pointing out that this would bring about more casinos than just one, based on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the federal involvement that says, basically, if there's casinos in Nebraska, then basically reservations would have that right to have a casino on their land, notwithstanding the intent of the state to have a limited number on nonreservation land. So I think that's an important note to mention. Also, and probably tomorrow, or whenever the bill comes up again...excuse me, the resolution would come up again, there are some discussions about how the revenue should be used for compulsive gambling and addiction programs, and I think that's an important discussion to have as well. But I believe that this amendment, FA1469, helps channel the debate here, I think in a constructive manner. I think that the only way we can have discussion on Select File is to file amendments. And I think we need to have a good healthy discussion, if you don't mind, Senator Janssen and Senator Schimek. With all due respect, I believe that a healthy debate on an issue that has as much impact across Nebraska as this one will certainly warrants some discussion. Thank you, Mr. President.