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SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. When we first began the discussion on the floor a couple of years ago with Senator Schimek's constitutional amendment, it was based on whether or not we wanted to expand gambling for the purposes of the Indian reservations. And of course, Senator Smith's bill, while it limits it to one, would also allow that original purpose to be fulfilled. So I think that in some regard we have come back to square one with this amendment, and perhaps it's time to go back and discuss that. The next move, when we talked about the gambling expansion, was Senator Beutler's innovative proposal to the General Affairs Committee. At that time I was on the committee, and he was proposing that we have a limit of two casinos on a border that was shared with a state that already had gambling. And while I don't believe that gambling is a good solution for the state--in fact, I believe that economically it makes no sense--I did support that provision in the committee and forwarded it to the floor. And that began much of the discussion that we've had here on this idea. So I am going to support the Smith amendment, because I think it brings us back down to the idea of a very limited expansion of gambling in the state. The thing that I hear from the constituents in my district is that they just want to stop the flow going across the Missouri River to Iowa. And the Smith amendment would accomplish that, because we would in fact then have the provision in the state of Nebraska for those people who do support it. So I believe that this limits LR 14CA as it currently exists. I think that I'm hearing some reservations on the floor in discussions whether people are comfortable with going eight plus the four on Indian reservations, a total of twelve in the state. And this certainly goes in a better direction. So I will support the Smith amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Johnson, on the Smith amendment to LR 14CA.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the body, seems kind of strange for the son of a preacher, who grew up in the Depression and still can't buy bottled water, to stand up and support a gambling bill. But I think that Senator Smith is on the right track if we consider the alternative. A year ago, or at the last election, there was a perfectly awful initiative