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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...will that be legal? When we say, do we want to expand gambling in Nebraska, even if they adopt LR 11CA, casual, less addictive gambling would still be illegal. And I just ask the question, why casinos but not a card game down the street with your friends? Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Adrian has got an amendment I might vote for. But there's a problem here, and that is that I don't want to do what I think this amendment is designed to do, which is to submarine the bill rather than to find a place that we could all live with. I think it's not an uncommon tactic, but a somewhat disingenuous one, to say I'll gut your bill, substitute another idea, and then I won't have loyalty for that idea. I got to say that there's some similarity between us, and that's this: I don't believe in gambling. I don't want to gamble. If I could...if I thought that the realistic option was no gambling, that would be my box. In fact, when I go into the ballot box and we have this on the ballot, which I believe it will be there, I'm going to vote no, as I always have on this issue, as a private citizen. I'm persuaded we're going to have, one way or the other, a gambling proposal on the ballot. That has moved the number of people who have supported Senator Janssen and Senator Schimek's agendas from the low mid-twenties to the high mid-twenties. We've probably moved from 23 votes to 28 votes, 27 votes, I'm not exactly sure. My guess is that the bill at the moment is shy. Don't know. I think they're all hoping that as we get closer to staring this reality in the face we're going to blink and it's...the bill in its current form might just pass, with a couple of people changing their mind and throwing in votes to get to 30, maybe. I'm going to guess that's the strategy, which puts people like Senator Johnson, Senator Smith, Senator Jensen, people who I have normally agreed with, and with whom I have broken now because I've made my deal with the devil here and I'm now a supporter of LR 14CA for that reason, puts them in the driver's seat. But not if the way...if the driver's seat is, ah, let me grab the wheel and then careen into the ditch and