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kill us all. I don't think that's exactly, you know, what we're going to do here. If in fact this is a genuine proposal to put, look, one big giant casino in Omaha to compete with Iowa, and it gets 35 votes and it goes on the ballot, you know, even the proponents of LR 14CA have to scratch their head and say, between 28 and looking for maybe one or two votes more, and getting a slam-dunk and getting something that we could actually put attractively on the ballot and get Omaha votes and also be a middle ground that the state could live with, that becomes an attractive offer. What is not attractive is, let me take your bill, hijack it, ruin it, and then not vote for it. In the event the "no-gambling-whatsoevers" could swallow down one casino, big, and give it a chance to succeed, not to undermine it, I've got to say, you...wouldn't you put the people in LR 14CA in an interesting position of saying, gosh, do I pick up that set of chips, or do I keep fighting what, up until now, it's a very questionable, iffy deal, and that's getting 30 votes on Final Reading, can get it on Select File, 25 votes here on Select File, 30 votes on Final Reading. That's going to be tough. That's going to be tough. The "antis," if you make this a genuine proposal and, in fact, stand up and make the commitment, saying this but no more, you would change the shape of the debate affirmatively. Otherwise, we're spinning our wheels. This is an idea that can be put on the table, but it has to be put on with commitment, not as a stalking horse for another formulation of the anti position.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Brashear, followed by Senator Beutler and others.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This is the tough morning after. I can see that Senator Tyson has not yet recovered. He's still delusional from the shock of yesterday's court decision. I mean, who could have guessed that after lawyers stood on the floor of the Legislature and said we're going to lose this low-level nuclear waste decision, after nonlawyers stood on the floor and said, gee, this looks like a breach of contract to any rational person, after the court preliminarily ruled that we were going to lose, after the trial court said you lose, after the appellate court said you lose, Senator Tyson should wish it was \$151 million.