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You know, the people who are laughing all the way to the bank are the attorneys that we've paid \$20 million, \$25 million to. But now we're going to go to the United States Supreme Court, while the interest is compounding, and we're going to...well, we will hope in that court of last resort that we will find that stroke of genius that will understand how right we've been all along. Yeah. We have a tough time dealing with reality around here. Thank you, Senator Landis. I thought the comments were right on in many respects. I'm not going to endorse everything because I may have missed something. Senator Smith, I'm not going to participate in death by a thousand cuts. That's what this is all about. I have told those who are leading this effort, and I'm just one person so it doesn't make any difference, but we all stand up and express ourselves, I'm also not voting for eight casinos and then we'll just go on and on trusting that, as 45 of us leave here in the next six years and the gambling interests go out and pick the candidates, recruit the candidates, finance the candidates and elect all the people they want to the body, while nobody is kind of watching and dealing with reality, that's something we have trouble doing sometimes, let the gambling interests select whoever they want to and we will trust that it will be just fine in the future. No. I don't trust that it will be just fine in the future. Has nothing to do with me or you. It does have everything to do with both of us and all of us collectively. I've been telling audiences, as a response to term limits, there isn't any 1 of us that's indispensable or irreplaceable, but collectively 24 of us or 25 of us in the next six years are indispensable and are irreplaceable and the people will find out. Now, we'll wait to have that come true, which I think it will. The fact of the matter is there are some of us who believe that "deal" is a four-letter, totally honorable, desirable, ideal word and a term of art, and somewhere here there's a deal. But if it's eight casinos and whatever happens happens whenever it happens, with whomever it happens, I'm a no vote. But I've been trying to be the soft no. Haven't been up there punching the red light. Only the people in here seem to understand how we actually do this, but the people who are going to come in here and serve eight years, they'll arrive knowing all of the art forms of legislating. Just...and I know I'm digressing a little bit here. This is relatively unscripted. You know, I think it's