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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that's our responsibility. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Combs, followed by Senator Bromm.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. I've not really spoken on this bill yet this year. I did speak last year. And what I addressed to you last year is pretty much the same that I believe this year about it, although I have kind of modified my opinion a little bit, based on the fact that I've continued to listen and continued to listen to my people. We have some initiatives that are going to make it to the ballot this year. They figured it out. They didn't have it right the first time. We have at least three, I guess four, perhaps Senator Schimek mentioned a minute ago, that are going to be on the ballot. And they have a half million dollars behind them that we're going to be...have a flood of media attention saying, you know, we need this, we need to have this. And I'm satisfied they're going to make it on the ballot. I think it would be very sad if we could not reach a consensus in here to have something on the ballot to balance that, where the Legislature would be able to control it. I think we're living under a rock if we think they're not going to make it. Half the population of Nebraska are in Omaha. They already have half a million dollars; don't think they're not going to get more before time comes up when they're getting all these signatures. They got them before; they'll get them again, plus more. I think it would be a terrible shift of responsibility not to take responsibility. And like Senator Schimek has made the point, that we really do need to control the revenue. So...and what I've explained to people in my district that have questioned me about it...the interesting thing I did want to mention here, too, was that apparently there is a hit list put out by Gambling for the Good Life. I'm on it, because I get some canned e-mails and letters that say basically the same thing. But you know, it's been a blessing in disguise, because it's given me the opportunity to reply back to these people with my view on the issue. And they say, hey, you know, you're right, that makes a