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down the line it might happen. There is no time line and there is no guarantee that there will ever be any. It will be up to this body. It keeps it in the hands of the Legislature. I think Senator Bromm was right on when he said, you know, do we not trust the Legislature to do this. And I think we do, and I hope that the vote will reflect that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't intend to overly encumber the record, so I will try and do everything I want to say in this segment. Senator Schimek, the time to make the deal is when the deal is before you. Don't make the deal to make a deal in the future because you aren't going to be able to agree on the number then any easier than now. And the pressure is upon us now if we want to do anything. And I think most of us are willing to trust ourselves here and now. But we may die. You know, no, I'm not willing to trust to the future with the lobby, with the term limits, with all of those things. The time, if we want...and in response to our Speaker Bromm providing good leadership, yes, we do need to compromise and we do need to trust one another, and so the time to compromise is now, and the time to trust one another is now. And we ought to document that trust and put it in very precise language so we absolutely can trust because the fight is over. We all know that this is the great divide. We have all the people who want wide-open gambling and 5,000 video slots up and...trashing up and down the interstate, and we'll be in the same shape as South Dakota, which Senator Schimek reliably reports based upon all my contacts with South Dakotans, they don't know why they ever got where they are and wish there was a way back. The way you don't go there is to figure out where you are, where you want to go, document it, and only go there. Now is it one casino? I can't imagine that in this whole state of Nebraska that everybody is just so in love with Omaha that they want one casino in Omaha and everybody else is willing to do without. That just doesn't seem fair. So the compromise is something more than one. And a lot are negotiating a lot less than eight. That's one deal point. Another deal point is that we put it together in constitutional language where we won't