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have to come back and trust one another. It's over--absolutely rigid constitutional language which the people could adopt and it's the end; not the beginning, the end. And I've heard Senator Loudon talk I'm from...I hail originally from greater Nebraska, maybe we want to create a destination situation out there. There is a deal point here for somebody to say let's take all the money and concentrate it in the greater...in greater Nebraska. Somebody ought to do something, this is part of something I'm going to do this afternoon in front of the Natural Resources Committee, but, you know, we only have 69 counties that haven't grown for a minimum 75 years. Somebody ought to be thinking of something new to do for greater Nebraska. So let's put all the money into a trust fund that comes out of this gambling after we've taken care of treatment, let's take all the money and spend it on economic development in the greater third, to further enhance our third largest industry which is tourism. Let's do something but let's do it with definition and precision. And when we're done, let's be proud and say we made a deal and let's not say we're going to make a deal to make a deal to come back to trust ourselves because it isn't going to work that way. And I'm going to now adopt, and I'm trying to bring honor on the way we do business on this...on the floor of this Legislature, Senator Jensen, I'm going to adopt what I call a passive no strategy. A passive no or a soft no strategy, I can be present and not voting or I can be absent, which doesn't mean I'm not here earning our salary. It means that I'm working on Judiciary Committee bills, so now I'm going to become passive. I am going to be a soft no for anything until I hear something that's worth listening to, that I think might pick up the 30 votes...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...that have got to be here. And I thank you all for your attention and the opportunity to speak with you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Chambers, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator...young Senator Maxwell and I were discussing my king