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Nebraska, then certainly they should be able to isolate that outside their home county should they so choose. And I think that's just a very important factor. But it's either that situation or begging the larger question of the vagueness of location and relating to tribal lands, relating to other issues, that there are some ambiguities and certainly exceptions made for casinos that would be outside the eight that LR 14CA would bring about and certainly the tribal gaming, casino gaming, that would take place potentially, and I emphasize potentially, outside reservations because that potential certainly does exist. And I can appreciate Senator Schimek's explanation of there is a difference between General Fund deposits or revenues from gaming and using them for one-time special things such as the low-level nuclear waste defense because I believe that there was strong opposition, in fact some would argue that it was against the state constitution to use lottery funds to wage our battle on the low-level nuclear waste issue. And I offer that up to the body so that we can recall how we got clobbered over the head and shame, shame, shame on you for even considering using lottery funds instead of...using lottery funds for our legal defense for an environmental issue instead of projects that had a few more ribbons and bows wrapped in glitzy wrapping paper. So I just think that we need to adopt LR 14...or AM2599 to LR 14CA and we already know that it's the will of the body that it not be one casino. I'm assuming so based on the last vote. It was almost evenly split of those voting. That it's not the will of the body, or at least 25 votes, actually needing 30, that it be one casino. And so I'm not sure if we're at an impasse but most definitely this discussion needs to be had on terms of local authority and how it relates to the state. In fact, that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...that begs another question. We have these petition measures circulating that take the state out of the mix for the most part, the state authority, the elected authority of the State Legislature. You're, basically, giving it back to the cities and I will suggest that we, as the Legislature, can quite easily offset that with our local aid formula; that, obviously, if local entities, if...I know that a large impetus on that one