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Governor, who ultimately won, who said, vote for me and I'll get you out of this nuclear waste compact. Boy, did he, and now the price tag is \$151 million. I was talking to someone involved in that campaign in 1990, rather intimately so, and they said, please don't bring gambling to pay for the low-level nuclear waste suit. And it's my hope that we won't do that. I think that's stooping to an even further low; that we can do better, as a former Council Bluffs resident who moved to my district said. We can do better as Nebraskans than to depend on gambling revenues to fund important issues. It's interesting to see how we are looking to funding mechanisms, in my opinion, in such a desperate form that some folks want license plate revenues, that I think there are issues that are more important than looking to advertising on a license plate to garner revenue than other issues. But I also want to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...I also want to talk about if we advance LR 14CA, as it is with the eight casinos, if we advance that and we have the legislative authority to do up to eight casinos or zero...Senator Schimek, would you answer a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, do you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I would. Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH: Now it would be the legislative prerogative to do zero casinos if LR 14CA were ultimately adopted by the people. Is that accurate?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is accurate.

SENATOR SMITH: How likely do you think that would be for the Legislature to do that?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I would guess it would not be likely. I think that if the voters pass such an amendment that there would be at least one casino built. You know, I don't know how many more than that, but I think that there would be voter intent there and...