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efforts of various groups to treat compulsive gambling addictions, and I stand by that effort. And I also want to, I guess, highlight the fact that isn't it a unique situation when we put something on the ballot that says, here's this decision and just be careful if you make that decision because we're going to mitigate it with another measure here, may be in the same vote. But certainly we're going to have compulsive gambling, not compulsory gambling, as we heard again yesterday, but that is compulsive gambling. Good grief, I hope we don't come to compulsive...or compulsory gambling here in Nebraska, but there's probably some folks in favor of that too. But, nonetheless,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...isn't it interesting that we would place before the voters a situation where we mitigate the effects of one decision with another in the very same ballot measure? Now I don't hear a great deal of resistance to my efforts to take some of the gaming revenues, gambling revenues, slot machine revenues, poker table revenues, and putting it towards compulsive gambling treatment efforts. We do that right now with the lottery. But I think it is...it speaks to the larger issue of the fact that we, as Nebraskans, we've gotten along quite well without casino gambling.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Erdman, Kremer, Kruse, and Smith. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the Legislature. Senator Smith, I think there should be some type of local authority on any...on any location. I don't know. You take...you take a county like Douglas County, which is primarily all Omaha, and within a matter of 10, 15 years that city is going to be spread all over Douglas County. I look back 50 years ago when 72nd and Dodge Street was still out in the