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opposition group said it was amazing that a haphazard group of citizens could beat the expensive public relations team assembled by the tribe. He was quoted, and this is Mark Borns, frankly, and this was referring to the No Dane's campaign: frankly, we were horribly disorganized and we were outspent badly. So what we're hearing on the floor is, well, we have an obligation to the voters to put something out there that will pass. Well, if we look at what's going on in Wisconsin, even being outspent 40 to 1, even with the elaborate use of public relations, even with all the money and effort that was being spent, they couldn't get more than 40 percent of the vote. Now why is that important, though, here in Nebraska? Well, in Nebraska you only need 35 percent of those voting to pass a constitutional amendment. If you read the constitution, it says that you have to have 35 percent of the total vote cast in favor of an idea or cast on an issue and then you would have to have a majority. So there are some issues there as well. Finally, I think this is a perspective that we need to keep in mind as we move forward, and I'm going to end my time briefly so I can go to the Exec Session for Retirement, but I'll leave you with this, and this is out of that same article that Senator Smith referenced earlier from the American Legion Magazine dated June of 2002. This is on page 24. Says: Many see something distasteful about cities and states promoting gambling to their citizens. In fact, columnist Austin Abercrombie writes, quote: Traditionally, one of the legitimate roles of republican government is to protect its citizens against harm, to promote the general welfare. But state governments seem to be redefining the role of how can we separate the citizen from his money. If we're truly interested in trying to get more money out of the public and separate them, we can do a number of things. We've done that here, unfortunately, on the floor of the Legislature repeatedly...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...over the last three years. I'm hopeful that this is not going to be our preferred method for future funding of the state of Nebraska in a way that people would have to be subject to this, not only voluntary but prey on those who are less fortunate in this situation. Thank you, Mr. President.