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all around in those that are sending the petitions around, as well those lobbying. Why would casinos in Las Vegas be out here supporting this? You think they're doing it for Nebraska? You know it has to be that they expect to get something out of this, and if a casino in Las Vegas is going to get some money from it, you know that's money from Nebraska going to Las Vegas, and I don't think that's what we need to do. Many of the people that are really supporting this are talking about...and I do understand the real need on some of the Native American reservations, that we do need economic expansion there, but if anybody thinks that gambling is going to help the low-income families, I mean, just stop and think about it. Do you think gambling is going to make it worse or make it better? And I don't think anybody would deny that there are many people that shouldn't be gambling, that can't afford it, that it makes the situation worse and really drains on the social programs that we have in Nebraska to try to help those that legitimately need it. And then many people get it that wouldn't have to just because they get addicted to gambling. With that, I will close and, Senator Smith, if you want any more of my time, you can. If not, I'll just give it to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, about 1, 45.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. My desk is a bit cluttered here and it's for good reason, I guess, because of all the articles that I'm sifting through here, but one of them cites that a wife pawned her wedding rings to pay off gambling or to certainly support her gambling habit; blew the \$5,000 tax refund and barely \$800 remained of their \$8,000 savings. Senator Kremer touched on how economics professors and bankers...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...are opposed to casino gambling coming to Nebraska, or have certainly pointed out the ills. The research, after research, after research shows that expanded gambling in an economy, in a limited economy, as we all know we have, shrinks that economy. But let's look at it in a reverse scenario, like South Dakota. There is an article I was reading