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across the river from Council Bluffs. And some of this ground is old ground. We've gone over it time and time and time again. And I guess it...I mean there...it's a good debate, it's a worthwhile debate, but we just had it over and over again, and I'm not sure that you're going to convince anybody at this point, and I'm not sure I'm going to convince anybody at this point. I think we need to stay on track and talk about the language of the bill and try to come up with what can be the best language for the bill. The other thing that we haven't said, perhaps, very often during this debate is prohibiting something isn't necessarily going to keep something from happening. We had a grand experience back in the 1930s with prohibition, and it didn't work. And you can...you can keep casinos out of Nebraska all you want to, but there is gambling in Nebraska. There has always been gambling in Nebraska and the people who are in the know, who treat compulsive gamblers, say that you're always going to have between 3 to 5 percent of your population that are going to be addicted, and we're already at 3-plus-something in this state. We may get a little tiny bit more, but they don't...the people who come before the General Affairs Committee have said you're not going to get that many more. They're here already. And I suppose I should calm down and slow down a little bit here, but it just seems that some of these arguments have been made again and again and again, and it's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...probably time to move on. But the main reason I put my light on is that, yes, there should be a vote of the people who are going to be affected, and whether it should be in the city or the county, I really don't have a strong opinion on one way or the other. But the point that I wanted to talk about is the fact that in Wisconsin, where they just had that vote, it is not in the constitution. It was put into the gaming compact between the tribes and the state. Both agreed to it. And it could be in a compact, it could be in statute, or it could be in an arrangement, an agreement, drawn between a casino and a city/county. I can't imagine that we wouldn't do that. To put it in the constitution...