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SENATOR SMITH: ...not supporting LR 14CA for the ballot, even if we took all of those members of this body and we mobilized across the state, we could probably defeat just about anything with the contacts and the networks we have across the great state of Nebraska. And I just keep going back to the fact that, yes, Iowa has casinos and it might have improved the curb appeal of some buildings across the river from Omaha, but it certainly hasn't drawn this new economy across Iowa when we hear about their budget shortfalls. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Smith amendment, AM2670, to LR 14CA. Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Stuthman, and Smith. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I rise in support of AM2670. And I think I've been probably brutally honest with the body, and I guess every time I get up I'll continue to remind them where I'm at on the underlying bill. Senator Stuhr, I'm still voting no, okay, just so you know and so that everybody is aware of what my position is. However, the discussion that's been had here on the floor seems to be that unless you're a supporter of a bill, you can't offer amendments, and I think that's a great philosophy. If we're going to continue that, we should probably do it on all bills with all senators. But we're not going to do that, so I think Senator Smith is allowed to offer any amendment he would like to see this improved if it does go before the people. And so I think Senator Smith is within his right. I think AM2670 is a good idea, and here's why. If you look at the facts that are being presented to us from objective individuals who do economic studies and who determine what it is that will happen as a result of having casinos within our boundaries, within the state of Nebraska, whether they be for the tribes, whether they be for Omaha or whoever, there is going to be a reality check, and that is, are the claims that are being made being met? And I believe that in order to ensure that what is being offered to the citizens of the state of Nebraska from those who are promising great things or extra things, as Senator Schimek pointed out yesterday, with the great revenue we're going to generate, that