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agree, you know, that there are a lot of costs to the gambling. I think the issue that I'm trying to deal with right now is the gambling that we're taking, and the gamble that we're taking is, you know, do we put something out there to the vote of the people so that the state of Nebraska can be in control, or is something else going to be on the ballot and the citizens will vote that in and we will have very little control over that. I want to enter into just a little bit of a dialogue with Senator Smith.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, would you yield?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you. Senator Smith, since you have been in this body numbers of years before I have been, and I've just been here a short time, could you lead me through the process that if we do not put anything on the ballot and the petition is voted on favorably, what would happen then? What would we as a state be liable for, and what would we not be liable for? And would we be able to stop the gambling if that petition passed?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Stuthman, I am not a Nebraska constitutional scholar and I haven't looked at the mandatory versus enabling legislation that the petitions would refer to, so it would be hard for me to answer that question very accurately, at least. But certainly, if it were enabling legislation and it were to pass, believe me, there would be a club over the head of each member here that you better do something to follow up. Otherwise, we're not complying with the state constitution. I leave that to speculation at least.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Senator Smith. This is the thing that really does concern me. You know, are we going to be into more of a bind when something like this does occur than if we would put something out to the voters of the people, you know, to vote whether they want it or not? And it's...I feel it's probably our responsibility to offer them something. In which form, I am not sure yet, but I really think we need to offer them something because I realistically think that there will