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in the local district over the weekend. A lot of people came forward to me and said, what are you people doing down there? Are you going to pass this casino bill? Are you going to get it moving? I says, you know, we're really not passing the casino bill to establish casino. All we're trying to do is to ask the people of the state of Nebraska, do you want casino gambling or not? Hopefully, they'll come back and tell us, no, they do not want it. Then we can drop the subject. But up until then, we really do not know. Another thing that really concerns me also, Senator Smith states, you know, he's totally opposed to casino gambling; he don't want any casinos in the state of Nebraska. The thing that concerns me is, if we don't put this to a vote of the people, and this initiative passes, maybe he's more in favor of having video slots in every bar, in every community. Maybe he feels that is the right way to go. I do not know. But he has just spoken and said that he does not want casinos in the state of Nebraska. Well, I'm not totally in favor of it, but I think we need to ask the people, need to move this thing forward. I know we're spending a lot of time on germaneness, on different subjects like this. But I really think we need to move on. Thank you. I return the balance of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Bromm, on overruling the Chair. Is Senator Bromm present? He waives the right to speak. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd waive.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Also waives his opportunity to speak. Senator Schimek. Is Senator Schimek on the floor? Yes, she is. Did you wish to address the overruling?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Mr. President, I would support the Chair and the ruling. I think the Chair's ruling was correct. I think that we have not been addressing the question of germaneness in our remarks, and I just want to be very straightforward and to the point. I would support the Chair on the ruling on germaneness. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Foley.