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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to share a conversation that I had recently, because Senator Smith has been arguing the underlying goodness or badness of gambling rather than some of the issues that we've been talking about in terms of the management of the question. I asked a friend, who was talking to me about some of the issues before the Legislature, what his feeling about gambling was. And he listed many of the things that Senator Smith has talked about, many of the things that were on the paper that was distributed last week by Senator Erdman, many of the things that I absolutely believe. But then he said, and that is totally irrelevant to what you guys are discussing right now, because we are not talking about whether we shall have gambling; we are talking about who should control the gambling. And he encouraged me to continue to try to do whatever I could to make sure that the Legislature was in charge of it; that we already have gambling, and what our discussion is, is not about the merits of it. That discussion should and would have taken place a long time ago. And I, as compared to Senator Smith, I came here strongly, strongly opposed to gambling. I don't believe that I've changed that opposition. What I've changed is my understanding of the reality of what we're doing. And what we need to do is manage a situation that we have either been part of or allowed to happen in the state, and what has happened in surrounding states, and what is happening with the petitions that causes us to have to determine what we are going to do to manage the situation. I have an amendment that mirrors Senator Schimek's FA, although it goes to three. I believe that if we are going to allow casino gaming in the state of Nebraska, because it's going to be the casinos plus whatever the Indian casinos are going to be, which is another five. So we're talking...the reason I came to three is, if we're willing to go to eight, then it would end up being eight--three that were allowed by us, five that are tribes that very possibly would have casinos. That's the number that I can live with. It's not that I feel great about it, but I can live with it. So if you are interested in Senator Schimek's and would like to see even fewer, you might wait for mine, although it's a ways down. But