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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, if I'm understanding the amendment appropriately, it's an amendment to AM2670. AM2670 says that the registered voters in a county in which a casino location is authorized shall, after such casino location has been in existence for five years, approve or disapprove the continued presence. Well, if in five years the voters should disapprove the continued presence, the casino would have to close up operations after five years. My point is, it's not in any way practical to suggest that somebody should make an investment in building and equipment and effort. They're not going to do that in a meaningful way if they know it's all subject to ending in five years.

SENATOR ERDMAN: And the ten-year...if I may continue, Mr. President, the ten-year extension isn't any better then? It's the same premise?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think so.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Okay. That's...I was just clarifying that. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senator Smith's amendment. And I don't discount what Senator Beutler said, but I think it confirms what it is that we're asking individuals or organizations to do in the state of Nebraska. If you want to come into Nebraska and if you want to build a facility in Nebraska that you're claiming is going to be so great for our residents, why can't we hold them accountable? Is that too much to ask? And evidently it is. I think this is fair, and here's why. Again, when you look at some of the problems that have come in communities and in areas of our country where casinos or expansion of gambling, which includes those activities which would be housed in a traditional casino, have arrived, there's a little bit of, we've got a great plan for you, just trust us and we'll prove it. Well, what happens if they can't prove it? What is the recourse then for those communities to restore themselves? There is none. Now, the only other way to do it would be to revoke their license, depending upon the system that the Legislature set up. And I would bet you that once we have casinos in the state of Nebraska, to revoke anything that has been authorized by prior legislation will be nearly impossible, because those who seek to benefit from those casino facilities