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being located in the state will ensure that the individuals are put in office or elected to make sure that they're protected. I think this is reasonable, and I think the ten-year provision is probably more palatable than the five year that I would have supported originally. On a separate issue, I'm having distributed right now what we...what I guess we would call the 2003 scorecard. And it outlines that in the last year there were 45 attempts to expand gambling in 30 states. And this is obviously slighted, because it comes from a group that's against legalized gambling or the expansion of it. But the facts are still the facts. The vote was 19 to 2 on slot machines at racetracks, or "racinos," or whatever you want to call them. In other words, 19 times the voters said no, and only 2 times they said yes. And ironically, that and only one other vote were the only prevailing votes in the expansion of gambling in the last year. There were six casino ideas offered. This doesn't include the one in Wisconsin that we spoke of on Friday. But there were six new casino ideas in different states. All six of those were defeated.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Nebraska was included. Obviously, we didn't have a vote, but the effort was defeated for the last year. There were five lotteries proposed; all five of those were defeated. And there were six convenience gamblings, in other words, lottery machines in liquor stores, convenience stores, et cetera; they were defeated six to zero. We're going in the wrong direction. And if this doesn't show us that, I don't think there will be anything that we can distribute on the floor that will change anybody's opinion what we're doing. So again, back to the floor amendment, I'm going to rise in support. I don't think it's unreasonable to hold those individuals accountable. And I will look forward to your comments. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. We are discussing FA1479 to AM2670. Further discussion on FA1479, Senator Janssen. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Cudaback, which amendment are we on?