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that I'm having with this is that this is something that you're going to have to go back every three years and ask the county if you want to renew the proposal or the location in that county. You know, I would...I could see arguing that on a statutory amendment, not something that's in the constitution. I...if I'm saying this right, I believe that Iowa has every...it's either every five or ten years, but that's statutorily imposed, not something that's in the constitution. You have to realize that every time you have an election of some kind, it does cost that county quite a bit of money to do that. And I think what...I understand what you're trying to do. You're trying to make this bill not better but worse. I would support something like eight or ten years to be followed up after the approval of the people in this state. But to do it in the constitution, I'm afraid I can't support your amendment. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Let's reflect back on AM2670, that states the initial language on the renewal vote: "The registered voters of 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 of such casino location within the county." Now, that's pretty vague. And certainly I would entertain some language that would make it so that a full-blown special election isn't necessary. I mean, certainly, adding another question at another election is not costly, and especially when looking at the impact of casino gambling. And I think back of last week of how we had opportunities to make the language more acceptable. Now, it was voted down on the intent--at least, this is my perception of last week--on the intent to follow it up with legislation upon if it should happen, the adoption by the voters, a constitutional amendment to allow casinos across Nebraska. So we have, or we would have, a situation where people would be voting on LR 14CA, whichever number is assigned to it on the ballot, they would be voting on that and certainly they might recall the Legislature voting down an amendment about local control, the local vote. Certainly, that establishes some intent. That establishes some precedent by a majority of the membership of the body here. And so I think it is a little