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Casinos are in the business of taking money away from people. If casinos were in the business of giving away money, common sense tells us they wouldn't be in the business for very long. These are just some of the reasons that I cannot support this proposition that is before us. I believe, as...only I take it a little bit different than what Senator Combs says, is, let's do the right thing. And let's not support bringing casinos into this state. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I, obviously, rise to encourage the body to, I think, make a wise investment in time, and that is to vote in favor of, and vote green, on the bracket motion; that, as I stated earlier, but in case members were not present or tuned in, this bracket motion does accommodate the ultimate passage by the Legislature of LR 14CA. Does it raise the bar for needing a deal, so to speak? Yes, it does, but I believe that's a wise investment in time. I think it's far optimal to spending I don't know how much time today or tomorrow or however the agenda sees fit, but certainly on Final Reading, where there are some very important amendments for compulsive gamblers and others that are yet to be considered. And, like I said earlier, I was told this morning that we're just going to have cloture, and so be it, and I certainly stand that risk. That option is out there for the advocates of casino gambling in Nebraska, but I think that there are better ways to use our time, Senator Combs, for example, in adopting this bracket motion. And if you're not a fan of casino gambling, this motion is for you. If you're a fan of casino gambling, this motion is certainly...should be tolerable because there's still the opportunity to put LR 14CA on the ballot, none of that withstanding the fact that LR 11CA is still out there on Select File. I'm...I haven't been privy to any discussions of why, you know, if we're talking about taking the time of the body, well, let's talk about taking the time of the body when we forward a bill that's virtually similar to another bill that was on Final Reading, but in a roundabout way found its way back to Select File. Let's talk about taking the time of the body when