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the public they ought to put into the constitution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The issues certainly get interesting when you look at ballot measures, when you look at petition initiatives, what threatens us, what doesn't; and we look at groups affected, small groups, large groups, the entire state. What even gets more interesting is when we talk about the lottery. The lottery was a campaign issue in 1990. And I believe last Friday we got the beginnings of a damage control effort relating to a campaign issue in 1990 relating to low-level radioactive waste. And I'm not here to talk about Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact today, but I want to talk about the overriding issue of politics, of issues, of constituencies, and how they interrelate. There were several constituencies that did not exist prior to the creation of the lottery; now we have them. And I can't certainly predict or assume how my colleagues feel about the creation of constituencies, but I would say let's be careful. Because when you create constituencies, there's a cause and effect. And certainly everyone has the right to create their own constituency, whether or not that's an issue in front of the Legislature. But I want to talk specifically about the lottery and the constituencies that it's created, and also how, if Senator Schimek gets her way on bringing casinos to Nebraska, we're creating constituencies. I'm sensitive to Senator Beutler's concerns about monied interests in the state in political campaigns, and I believe the best way to eliminate, or at least prevent, monied interests from coming into campaigns in Nebraska is specifically to say no to casinos and probably say yes to FA1541. When you think about the constituencies that the lottery has created, the constituency that sure went away fast was that constituency who said, yes, we want the lottery because it will keep taxes down. Now after Friday's announcement relating to taxes, the lottery doesn't stand a chance of addressing taxes. So when we think about the lottery and continuing it or discontinuing it, or adopting a sideline, a parallel issue, that being casinos, we need to be careful. When we see the interests, whether it's the lottery or casinos, who