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it out of this state, not allowing the people to vote on a constitutional amendment. And I think you all understand what I'm talking about. And who's going to benefit? Who's going to benefit from those dollars? If they are successful in keeping this body from getting a constitutional amendment on the ballot, that is going to mean more dollars in their pockets, and those dollars are going to go to Las Vegas, or the home of the casinos, wherever they are. And it's really...you know, how many dollars are being lost in this state that are going to Bentonville, Arkansas? Lots of them, a lot of dollars. They create jobs, absolutely they do. The casinos will create jobs. A portion of that money is going to go to Las Vegas. But a larger portion of those dollars are going to stay in the state than one of the world's largest retailers. That money does not stay in this state. Only the menial wages that they pay to their workers stays in this state. The money goes into a bank and is wired out. Those dollars leave this state. I don't particularly care for the two location proposal, but I'm willing to live with that. I'm willing to live with that. Senator Smith, you're not going to have to worry about it. It's a shame that you're not going to have to worry about your district being inundated with gambling. That won't happen. I'll tell you what will happen, though. You'll get them out there if you let one of the petitions that are circulating go. You'll have more gambling than you ever thought of. But with the control the Legislature will have with two, very unlikely, Senator Loudon, that one will be in the western part of the state, very unlikely. I would say that they would probably be from Grand Island this way. And what difference does it make if you drive one extra mile or save one extra mile? I wish we weren't here doing this, but I don't know how many years ago it's been when the first gambling location besides Nevada...I believe the first one was Atlantic City. And it's been on a roll ever since. Now, I don't know the exact numbers of the states that do allow this type of gambling. Senator Schimek may know that. But I know there are a lot of them.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: And I do know that we are surrounded in this state. It doesn't make any difference what part of Nebraska you