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them, the purpose of them, but I would like to say that I do support this and I am representing the majority of my people in the vote that I will be casting for this, and that is to place it on the ballot for them to make the decision. So I thank you for your time and I thank, again, Senator Janssen, and I thank the Executive Board for their collective decision that they made. We do have documentation here of the individual discussions that took place. Normally, we don't have it in writing in front of us, but I do appreciate the Executive Board and Senator Bromm's forward thinking and braveness in taking this step, and I appreciate it very much because I do believe it reflects the majority of what the people...at least in my district and possibly in the whole state. We'll see what happens. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. The issue before the body is a readvancement of LR 11CA to Final Reading. Further discussion? Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Tyson and others. Senator Janssen waives his opportunity. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to speak very briefly on this because God knows we have talked this thing to death. There evidently is some doubt as to the total number of hours, but last year and this we have discussed gambling, it seems, forever. I don't know that if we spend another 10 or 11 hours that we would change one vote here. I do know how I'm going to vote. I'm going to vote against this. I said in the Exec Committee and the language is in this handout, I guess, from Senator Smith, that I'd rather vote for cancer than this thing. I don't hate my constituents that much. This is nothing more than a reaction, I think, to the multiple initiatives that greedy rapacious people are trying to foist on the population of Nebraska. They're paying people to get signatures, and how they're doing I don't know and I don't care. I do know that once you open this particular box, what you let out is not going to be easily put back into that box. You know, in Greek mythology there was a young lady named Cassandra, and as a child by licking her ears serpents gave her the power of prophecy. When she grew up, became a beautiful young woman, Apollo, and Greek gods got to play around then, made his advances to her and