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doesn't make much difference. Think that's a constitutional right that your constituents believe is very important. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. On with discussion, return for a specific amendment. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. It will come as no surprise to anybody in this floor or anybody that's listening to me to know that I've always opposed any form of gambling. I've opposed it for a lot of reasons that we've talked about here today. And I've also been praised in my district and by constituents of mine for my stand against gambling. But it's kind of ironic, now that I'm...we're in the midst of this huge debate, that I'm getting letters and phone calls and e-mails from people who are criticizing me for not allowing the people of this state to vote on gambling. This morning we had a big debate over the State Fair, and I suggested that it was only fair to let the people vote on that issue of whether we should take money out of the gaming fund, the lottery fund, to help support the State Fair. It was suggested that I'm inconsistent, and I couldn't deny that. If I don't want to vote for one, I shouldn't vote for the other. If I don't think we ought to allow people to vote on gambling, then we shouldn't allow them...shouldn't expect to allow them to vote on whether we should, in fact, assist the State Fair in its future. So it puts you in a really quandary, to be right honest with you all about it, because I have tried to maintain through my years in the Legislature some sort of consistency in how I deal and how I work with the issues that we deal with here in the Legislature. And I find myself at odds with myself because, as I indicated, I've never supported gambling. Now I've come to the crossroads. Which is more important? What we're hearing here, of course, is two sides of an argument, which is always the case when you have controversial issues, when there doesn't seem to be a general consensus of what's right and what's wrong, because people have different reasons for doing different things. I have a different reason for doing different things. And as I stated before, I find myself kind of between a rock and a hard place as far as trying to suggest that we ought to do what I thought was the right thing in supporting the future of the State Fair in