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will probably just expand what they do have. So I don't want anybody to mislead you about how many reservations are going to be in Nebraska. There really aren't going to be... (laugh) reservations, I mean casinos. There really aren't going to be that many casinos in Nebraska if we pass LR 11CA. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Chambers, Senator Brown, Senator Maxwell, Senator Combs, and others. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to explain my vote more than anything, my rationale for what I'm doing. I support LR 11CA and I've changed my mind in the last three or four weeks primarily because I've become convinced that the four petition drives are going to succeed and they will be on the ballot. Now opponents of those say, sobeit, they will be on the ballot, just vote no. But as I look at these, and I've got a handout here that someone handed out a few weeks ago, none of those are very good in my plan. In fact, that's saying it mildly. None of those meet the standards I think they should meet for the state of Nebraska. So my rationale is one more on the ballot, let's call ours number five, which is at least a rational approach to what I think we're going to end up having in Nebraska...at least have an option to having in Nebraska. At least let's...and let's vote no, let the people vote no on all five, if we're not going to have it. My opinion is that if they're going to vote four no, they can also vote no on five. And so we have nothing to fear by putting this on the ballot. If we have nothing to fear that four are going to be on the ballot and they'll vote no as the opponents say, then we'll have five on the ballot and they can vote no on all four...five of those. And I'm perfectly willing to get involved and I intend to, to the extent possible, to oppose expanded gambling in Nebraska, and that if it means four or if it means five, that's what I'll do. It doesn't mean I'm changing my stance on gambling. I'm still opposed to gambling and expanded gambling in Nebraska. But it's interesting, you know, we've had horse racing, which is a form of gambling, since the thirties. So it isn't that it's really new in Nebraska, but it looks like to me if we're going to have it, at least we ought to have a rational approach to what we're offering here. Two casinos is at least