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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith and Senator Schimek. Further discussion on the Janssen amendment, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I just want to remind the body a little bit about where we are and particularly with Nebraska's economy. And I think that our economy here is very, very fragile. I said earlier today that I have great concern about our future in the next couple of years, particularly in those out years, because gambling revenue will strip sales tax revenue that would have been coming into this state. Gambling does not provide any new revenue. There are a lot of issues in front of us. Let the people decide. And, gee, that's fine. But do the people really understand what they're voting for? I listen to the ads on TV from the "Keep the Money in Nebraska" group, and you would think that it should be our civic duty to impose gambling on ourselves and then to gamble so that we can provide money for the state of Nebraska. It just will not happen. And I can certainly understand that we need to let the voter decide but then we're going to ask that they not vote for it. To me, that is a little bit contradictory. Well, I'm going to put it out there but I'm going to tell them not to vote for it. That's like taking candy and put it in front of your kids and says I'm going to put this candy out there but don't you eat any. I just don't quite understand that. Now it's interesting, Iowa has casinos and yet their economy is no better than ours. They have bonded indebtedness. They're having to struggle with their budget right now and yet they're taking all this money out of Nebraska. And as a matter of fact, Iowa, as far as I'm concerned, is addicted. They're addicted to gambling because now they want to impose more gambling casinos in that state so that they can steal more money from their own residents because they are addicted and it just really bothers me that a government should be the predator of the people rather than protector of the people. So I think with those comments you know how I feel on this issue. I've voted against gambling, expanded gambling, the