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expanded gambling. The question is, how do you oppose it? We have differing opinions on the floor here. Senator Smith and others honestly and sincerely believe that they can beat what's out there. I don't believe it. I worry about my own district. I worry about elderly Christians who tell me that they are going to vote for the casinos so that they can reduce their taxes. They want the chump next door to pay for them. I got a...I received an e-mail, no, it was a handwritten letter from a apparently elderly person who said, please let us have a casino; I don't want to pay any more taxes. Now that's unreality but that's the reality that we have to deal with. I believe that if we put this on the ballot along with the others that we will have more resources, not less, to fight this, and you've already heard from a half a dozen people here who indicate that they are willing to fight this thing this summer after we...after the dust settles down. Finally, I would recognize that there is...well, just to simply state my opposition is not moral. We already have gambling. It is dollars. We cannot afford it. It will be a loss. This woman that wrote to me in that way, I wrote back to her that if we get a casino your taxes will go up. Senator Beutler and others have suggested that there is some margin in there. I cannot find it anyplace; \$30 million in revenue will come back from Iowa, but we're going to have an additional \$50 million, at least, in expenses. It is a losing cause in terms of dollars. There's just...that's so clear and it's such a wide margin that I feel we must oppose this with all the resources that we have, and this is my way of opposing it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kruse, are you finished? Thank you. Senator Dwite Pedersen, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, probably won't have to hear me too much longer because I'm going to have to leave here pretty soon and go to work. And to call it the "grease machine" or whatever it is, it's going to happen, can see that handwriting on the wall. A couple more things I want to get into the record, Senator Mines mentioned, you know, that he had a...did a poll in his district and it came back that there was quite a few people in favor of gambling. I have done that same poll over and over again. And