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people vote for it, and the people petition drive, they vote for that also. I've been told the highest number is the one that goes, but how was that figured into the formula of those who don't vote for gambling at all. There must be some...it's going to be a mess and we're being part of that mess, people. We're shutting out certain entities and moving on. The money goes to Las Vegas, people. Nebraska's racetrack money stays in Nebraska for the most part. Now I don't know what would happen when they get casinos, but I can tell you this, the money that is spent at racetracks...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...for the most part in the state of Nebraska now stays in Nebraska. It doesn't go to Las Vegas. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen, Senator Dwite Pedersen, that is. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President and members, there's been a lot stated so far. I'd say not quite enough. But for a member to stand up and say a majority of my constituents want this is speculative. I would assume it's speculative because I don't know of any members polling every single constituent in the district. Yeah, the winds of political philosophy blow, some a little harder than others, and some a little warmer than others. But we have an issue here that is a major change to Nebraska policy, major, especially as it relates to out-of-state benefits. No, no, not those Nebraska dollars spent in Council Bluffs because those ultimately go to Vegas anyway, but the dollars that might be spent directly here in Nebraska and sent to Vegas with the affirmation of the Legislature. Certainly if LR 11CA, I'll go back to Legislative Resolution 11CA, is put on the ballot and people approve it in November, it comes back next year. Now we have the opportunity to debate it. I'm most anxious to hear the debate by those who said they're opposed to gambling but let's put it on the ballot. Okay, then what? And I won't ask each member here who I sense is opposed to expanded gambling but is wanting to put it on the ballot because then it says the Legislature may. It doesn't say the Legislature shall,