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casinos are on the Iowa side of the river. Distance, according to all of these studies, is a very important factor, but putting it one mile on the other side of the river doesn't increase participation in gambling. The same group of people are going to be there gambling. The difference will be that instead of all of that body of revenue going to Iowa, roughly four-fifths of it is going to go to Nebraska if things break evenly and probably even better than that because the studies tend to show that the newest and most updated casino will be a little added attraction. So probably even more of the revenues would stay in Nebraska. I would argue strenuously that whatever you may think about...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...an ideal analysis of economic positives and negatives, in this situation with regard to the location...because of the location of the communities and the location of the people who use the casinos, this is a great economic draw on Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Erdman, on the motion to return.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I don't know that any of us are doing anything other than just trying to build a record to defend why we did what we did, but I do think it's important that we listen to the arguments that are being made. When I sat on the General Affairs Committee, and I can remember vividly when all four or five, I don't remember what...how many there were, but I remember the time that we met, and this is probably one of the first opportunities Senator Friend had, as a member of the committee, to see kind of how things can work. We got together as the General Affairs Committee, we sat down a few days after we had the hearing on the casino amendment and immediately there was a motion to advance. And I went, holy cow, what are we doing here? Let's talk about this. The votes were there. So we advanced some bills, we killed some bills, and it was done in a matter of time. And the whole way along I pointed out to the group why some ideas may work and why they wouldn't. Here's one