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typical convention that would come from out-of-state to the Qwest Center. We have--and I'm sure most of the body here has been to a convention, a conference out of state. Now, those who are bound to pull those slots, play those tables, roll the dice on the craps table, and whatever else kind of gambling there is, they're probably going to do that. I'll concede that. They'll drive a great distance. But most of the traffic associated with a convention is going to walk. Now are they more likely or less likely to go to the Old Market in Omaha with a casino next-door to the Qwest Center? I throw that out. Now Senator Beutler made the assertion that employees at the Council Bluffs casinos are Iowans. I haven't quantified that. Senator Beutler, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR HARTNETT PRESIDING

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Beutler, want to answer the question?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Beutler, have...are you aware of the actual number of employees who work at...in Council Bluffs but are Nebraskans, paying Nebraska income tax and otherwise?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I know that it's split, that there are Nebraskans and Iowans. But when they're on the Iowa side, the pressure is to hire Iowa employees. I know that also. And the tendency would be the opposite if they were in Nebraska.

SENATOR SMITH: So they can discriminate based on someone's address?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, you're more sophisticated than that, aren't you?

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you. I would speculate that they don't discriminate based on address. But the reality is, employees at Council Bluffs casinos come from both sides of the river. So we can't kid ourselves and think that all the benefits go to Iowa. I'm a realist. And I'm most realistic when it comes to looking at all the information. They talked about the defeat of expanded gambling, casino gambling, in Wisconsin and Maine. And the casino hired a consultant, who