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SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Schrock, not that you're bad at math, but you've gone to casinos a time or two, haven't you?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Oh, I may have been over there...

SENATOR HUDKINS: A time or two. Are you ahead or behind?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Oh, probably behind.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Okay. You probably go for an evening, and you spend \$20 or \$50 or \$100. You don't go with the idea that you must win or you lose the house or the farm.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, I'm going to have to rule that out of order. There have only been four people speak outside of you. And there are ten people waiting to speak. So at this time I will have to rule that out of order. Next speaker, Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll continue where I left off. You probably go, Senator Schrock--and you don't have to stand up--for an evening's entertainment, and you spend a limited amount of money. You don't go with the idea that you must win or you lose something very valuable to you. Well, unfortunately, some people are that desperate. Nebraska is going to see an increase in social costs, not from gamblers like Senator Schrock, or perhaps Senator Combs or Senator Cudaback. But there are others. It seems that compulsive behavior problems mostly--not always, but mostly--affect the lower-income people. And I really don't want to see my property taxes raised to pay for someone else's lack of control. Do we have gambling in Nebraska? Yep. Do we need more? Nope. Thank you,