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before, had its day, unlike many of the priority bills that remain that haven't had any discussion, and other issues. And I would agree, there are many more important issues than those contained in LR 11CA. But if we want to use Council Bluffs as the role model, LR 11CA is the best way to go. Those in Omaha who want to look, act, steal like the casinos in Council Bluffs, fine. Some would argue that Council Bluffs is better than it used to be. I don't know. I'd still say the west side of the river is much more desirable than that east side. And I'm not an expert on the issues of Council Bluffs versus Omaha. I come from the western end of the state. Been to Omaha, and I've been pretty impressed--the Qwest Center, new developments along the river. And this would at least allow the people a little more flexibility, with a five-year renewal. You might say, well, it doesn't allow them to invest more. Let's really think about that question. The casinos, we need to pave the way for...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...them to invest. Hmm, why would they do that? If people want to gamble badly enough, on its face, just set it up anywhere. If we're that desperate to bring casinos to Nebraska, when we already have a host of gambling--lottery, keno, horse racing, pickle cards, take the various games of the lottery, whether it's...you know, the big one, I...the name escapes me...Powerball. That's a different kind of a game than a scratch ticket. I know a lot of people get a large charge out of that. I think I've played Powerball twice. It's boring, too. So that's why I suppose we need to speed it up, speed it up, speed it up, speed it up, have it so people lose more and more and more money, so the state can get more and more money. Ridiculous. Absolutely ridiculous. And we...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...want to facilitate that? Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the closing on the motion to return LR 11CA to Select File for specific amendment. All in favor of the motion vote aye, those