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SENATOR ERDMAN: You're going to vote to put LR 11CA on the ballot. Are you going to vote to put...put it this way. If you would like to share this with us, you can, but is it your intention to vote for casinos on the ballot?

SENATOR FRIEND: You know, my honest answer to that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...is I haven't decided.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Okay.

SENATOR FRIEND: Honestly.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you. I'm glad you're having a good day.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you.

SENATOR ERDMAN: You bet. Members of the Legislature, I just wanted to be clear. I know Senator Friend and I have talked about this issue at great length off the floor, but I think it's a matter of, one, his argument is whether the people are empowered. They're empowered now or we wouldn't be here. Second of all, if the people are already empowered, are what we do...is what we're doing here beneficial to that process or not? Senator Friend doesn't even know whether he's going to vote for casinos on the ballot or not. He doesn't know if that's a good idea. He's one of the people of this state of Nebraska that probably has more information about whether this is good or bad, and he, himself, at this time doesn't know whether he would vote for it. So people are empowered. They're going to find the information, but it's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...going to be interesting to see how this body reacts to the issues before us, specifically Senator Loudon's amendment.