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happen to live in Nebraska, but that isn't very many because they're outside the state. I won't continue with that. I strongly believe that, while this says two casinos, that's not really what we're going to see. Evidence would show otherwise. But I strongly believe that this very issue, one of the most important we will make in terms of the long-term issues facing Nebraska, in terms of this short session that is likely to wind up tomorrow afternoon, maybe even tomorrow morning, I hope that we can reject the notion of a get rich quick for an individual, because that isn't true, and reject the notion of get rich quick for the state, because that isn't true. The only one, solid, undisputable fact is there will be some folks making some money off of the ultimate passage of LR 11CA and it's not the state of Nebraska, and it's likely not even employees at a casino dusting tables, sweeping up the floor, and picking the lint off of some executive's wool coat. This issue I hope we can reject and tell the people of the state of Nebraska that we can come up with a better means of generating revenue. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR MAXWELL PRESIDING

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President and members, we have to...we have...the Speaker is trying to take away my time. (Laughter) We've talked about this bill at some length this year, and I don't think we're probably going to say anything that all of us haven't heard before. I'm going to say again that the decision on this bill is going to be made by the middle, the middle of the Legislature. There are people on one side who argue, and I can't disagree with them, very strongly about the evils of gambling, but I think that what they may be ignoring is the situation that we're facing and what the reality is, and how much there already, is and how much there is the potential to have. And then we have the proposal that's before us, which is two casinos plus whatever number would be approved for Native Americans, and for some people that is too many, and for some people that is too few, because there are other interests that would like to have casinos at other places. But that was the middle. And then far on the other side are the petitions, the petitions that would allow gambling anywhere that liquor is