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benefits and the problems that this will cause if this is passed here. We know there will be more law enforcement costs. We know there will be higher social costs. We know that there is an increase in bankruptcy. We know that there is substantial family problems. We already have some of them say, well, we've got all that, let's get those people across the river, let's bring more of those problems right here home to roost. I noticed in the paper the other day that the Old Market Association, right downtown, active, busy place to be, passed a resolution against an Omaha casino. Now, they are within sight of one of the casinos, but they don't want one here in Omaha. And it goes back to what I have spoken about before, which is the argument of disposable income. I have even gone so far as to threaten, threaten Senator Janssen with taking my disposable income to some other sausage maker. Didn't seem to phase him. I have implored you to vote for Venice Inn and Caniglia's and Johnny's Cafe. I have asked you to support the people that are currently working in Omaha that, with a tail off of business, can lose their jobs. Oh, but we get more employment from the casinos. No, we don't. Senator Kruse mentioned the last time this was brought up that some people in his district think that their taxes are going to go down, and he mentioned that he knew they were not, but he was going to support this. That is his decision, as it is the decision of everyone here. But I think we have a duty. I think we have a duty to do our job, which is to represent our constituents. And I've brought this argument to you before and I don't know whether it convinces anybody, but it means that...that, to me, is the most cogent argument. We are representatives of the people and we should decide. And there is a process which is underway now. If people want a law that we don't pass, they can bring the initiative petition. I say let them do it. I don't see what there is to worry about there. I don't feel threatened by the initiative process. I don't see why anyone should. If we do our duties, based on what we feel is the best thing for the state of Nebraska, we have done as much as we can do.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

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