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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Jensen.

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the SENATOR JENSEN: Legislature. I hope you all recall that in November there was an election last November. There were a couple of issues on the ballot that would have expanded gambling, and the people of Nebraska voted against that. It was shortly after that that heard that perhaps the alcohol industry could support a smoking ban if certain entities would be allowed to be exempt from that smoking ban; if, again, those entities also either were keno parlors or if they sold pickle cards. So it seems to me that this is a way to perhaps circumvent what the voters of Nebraska did at the election polls in November to, in a way, expand gambling, if you call pickle cards gambling, if you call keno gambling, which I do. And so it would seem to me that we are kind of by the back road, back way, saying, well, we will allow a smoking ban if we, our little entity here, can have smoking which would then bring more people into our doors and also they can do pickle cards, keno, whatever the gambling entity might I certainly stand in opposition to this amendment, because I think it does two things. First of all, you're allowing one entity something that you would not allow another entity. as Senator Chambers remarked that if you were a bar, stand-alone bar, if you didn't have pickle cards, if vou have...weren't participating in keno, that you would certainly go out and get those pickle cards and you would certainly try to get keno into your facility so that you could bring in customers that would smoke, being they're denied smoking privileges somewhere else. I'm always a little concerned when we do this, but I hope that the members can see what is happening here. Mr. President, I would render the rest of my time to Senator Chambers, if he would like that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Bourne went to the hills of knowledge but he failed to understand what he read. I'd like to ask Senator Synowiecki a question, because...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...