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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald and Senator Pedersen. On with discussion. Senator Chambers. This will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, Senator Erdman, a computer nerd, pulled up some information from the time that LR 209CA was being considered, and I say that because I had no idea that this could even be done, let alone how to do it, so I respect him. But to let him know that I'm approaching the computer nerd status, I used the term earlier today "downloading," and I was correct in my use of it. So that lifts me out of the ranks of the totally computer illiterate. But this is the language which I had offered at that time. We had reached a point in the discussion where Walt Radcliffe had determined for the Legislature that no amendments would be adopted, but I wanted to run through some of them to let you all know what should have been done, and they were withdrawn, including this one: If the Legislature determines that a greater percent...this deals with what we're talking about here today. If the Legislature determines that a greater percentage of lottery proceeds should be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, the amount of such percentage shall be deducted on a pro rata basis from both the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund and education, each of which otherwise shall receive the percentage of such proceeds as specified herein. This is not something I just threw together to delay or stop the constitutional amendment, although I was against it. Everybody was so bedazzled by the State Fair proposal, that's all they looked at, and those of you now, you ought to go back and see how you voted on LR 209CA and realize that an opportunity was offered to deal with this situation, because I saw it coming, as I see many things coming, but which you all cannot accept. You'd rather run off the edge of the cliff and then say, by God, we should have listened. Why do I do it now? Because additional examples like this are going to arise and you all are going to be so hidebound and stubborn and anti-Ernie that you're going to spite yourself trying to spite me. They say, cut off your nose to spite your face, throw out the baby with the bathwater, and such things as that. There is another matter that I'm going to ease my way into. I had told Senator Fischer, when I was trying to get some money for the rural