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know as I'd vote for Senator McDonald's constitutional amendment. I realize it has to pass the voters, but then again, the way that it can be advertised, such as money for the Fair Board was, it was put out that this was something that was going to save the fair, be done for children, and I don't know what all. But the advertising that went with the constitutional amendment on the Fair Board I thought was somewhat slanted, so consequently I believe I would just as soon vote no on this at the present time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator McDonald, you may either speak or you may close on your amendment. There are no other lights on.

SENATOR McDONALD: Oh, okay. Well, I will close, then.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to close.

SENATOR McDONALD: I think all of you were here last year, and you were all part of the debate. You know how important it is that we continue the funding for the compulsive gambling. We tried to find money last year, because we knew that there was a definite need. We tried to find General Funds. We tried to find other monies. We ended up finding it from the...actually, it was the Health Cash Reserve Fund for the tobacco, to be able to fund this. This was temporary; we knew that. It would only allow for two years of funding. We realized that in order to change this, then made it permanent funding, it had to go under the constitution, because the amendment for the State Fair changed that. And so we don't have any other choice to obtain permanent funding for our compulsive gamblers. And I don't know if you remember, just recently we had the biggest Powerball winners in the state of Nebraska, and we'd all like to call them our friends, and maybe they are our friends and maybe they're not. But at some point in time, we think we could be one of them. And so I think that what has happened is that we will end up with more people gambling, because they know somebody personally that did win Powerball. And because the funding was only temporary, we have to come back, it has to go in the constitution, and because this is an election year, this is the year to do this. If we're not successful on the floor with