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parish hall, not very much of it. I'm sure you can get hooked on pickle tickets too. Sixty-some percent of it is coming from outside the state of Nebraska. Other states have allowed casino gambling on Indian reservations. On these sovereign nations they've allowed gaming,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...casino-style gaming. They've not been shut down. As Senator Schimek alluded to, state of California, they're operating illegally. They haven't had millions of dollars confiscated from them by the federal government. I can't understand that, can't understand why they single out Nebraska to take care of that. We're not talking about huge, huge casinos. We're...we will let the people of the state of Nebraska vote on whether they want to let our Indian nations support themselves and make a better life for their children and grandchildren, and for the people of the state of Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Schrock, on the motion to place LB (sic--LR) 289CA on General File.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I feel compelled to tell you why I have voted for this constitutional amendment. First of all, I will tell you in a perfect world I would not vote for it, but it's not a perfect world. All you have to do is go across the border in other states and you're...and you have gambling, and that's true with the sites in Nebraska when it comes to Indian gaming. And I'm one of those that enjoys that on occasion. I think some of you know that. I don't think I'm addicted, but I can tell you I wished everybody could sit through a hearing of General Affairs and listen to the people who are addicted to gambling and how it has ruined lives. I don't know what the answer is to that. I know that every spring I go out and plant a crop and it's a gamble. It's a big gamble. I place cattle in feedlots. It's a gamble. If you want to gamble you can day trade on the Internet. That is also an addiction that has ruined lives. Alcohol and tobacco certainly is addictive and causes major problems, so I guess we can't always protect people from