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beyond this year to discuss it again, then it could be a three- or four-year period. Meanwhile, again, the Santee Sioux are sitting up there and the fines are mounting. There are 24 states that have entered into compacts with their tribes. There are only 36 states that have tribes, so you can see that two-thirds of the states have already entered into these compacts.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Finally, I would like to re-echo what some of my colleagues have been saying and that is we're talking about sending an issue of very extreme importance to the state of Nebraska to the voters of this state to decide. I didn't support the lottery but I voted for it to put it on the ballot because I thought it should be voted upon by the people of this state, they should make that final decision. I believe that the people will make the right decision in the long run and I think that we should let them vote on that issue. I might mention, again, what Senator Janssen mentioned earlier, that there has been great support from the communities around the only existing casino that we have in the state of Nebraska and there have been resolutions passed by every public...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...body in that area, except we don't know about Bloomfield. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further debate, Senator Brashear, followed by Senator Beutler, Cudaback, Aguilar, Brown, Jensen, Tyson, Schmitt, Hilgert, Lynch, Janssen, and Dierks. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, well, it seems the question before us is to pull or not to pull. I think we've had it before this session. I suspect we'll have it again. It's enjoyable to be able to be consistent. I think I may be a voice of one that feels as I do, but I've said a number of times before on this floor when it related to how I would perform duties or how others do that for me this is all an issue of process and procedure. We are here