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garner some of those proceeds, but as sure as I'm standing here, ladies and gentlemen, we are going to see something happen on the ballot whether we like it or not. And I, for one, would like to see this body and this state have some control over what is going to happen in the way of casino-style gambling or races or anything else. We need to be able to regulate what's going to be in front of the people. Not that...I have nothing against the people who are circulating these petitions,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...nothing whatsoever. But I think if you read the petitions, there is going to be one group that are going to benefit from that and it's not going to be the state of Nebraska. But if we will get our heads out of the sand and allow people the choice, the choice of the destiny for themselves, we owe that to the people of the state of Nebraska and it's...as far as I'm concerned, what we're putting before you here today is letting society work and let the people decide themselves what they want to do with this type of gaming. Don't be afraid to let people vote just because it doesn't suit you. What the will of the people is, is what we should back up.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: I think...or, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think one thing that we fail to realize is we already have gambling here in the state of Nebraska. Is it good or is it bad? I don't know that it makes a whole lot of difference, but it's here and we're not going to take it away. And I think the other thing that we need to realize is the Legislature is not that powerful. If someone wants gambling in the state of Nebraska, all they need to do is start a petition and get enough signatures on those petitions, and it will be on the ballot whether the Legislature has a plan or not. We cannot stop people from petitions--putting it on the ballot. So if there is someone saying, well, why does the Legislature keep it off the