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closer to the casinos, the more impact will be felt by retailers. But I still go back to the research that is abounding--you have seen it--where casinos are a net drain on the economy of Nebraska. Does Council Bluffs take money out of Nebraska? Yes. So should we make it better, by saying no to casinos in Nebraska? Are we going to add to that by bringing casinos to Nebraska? And I understand that LR 14CA does not, in and of itself, bring casinos to Nebraska. I understand that. That puts it on the ballot. Yes, that's correct. I refuse to endorse casinos coming to Nebraska. Now, I didn't ace my math class in high school and college. In fact, I avoided as much math in college as I could. But the math on this issue is not that difficult. When you look at limited economies, that the numbers are telling us, especially after last week and the week before, that we have a limited economy, it's obvious. And for us to send hundreds of millions of dollars to Las Vegas, I cannot support, or New Jersey, certainly out of state. The vendors for our own lottery system right now have an interest in Nebraska. They're based out of state. They really have an interest when you look at the net cost of administration of the lottery compared to other states. So I beg the body to reject this notion that casinos are good in Nebraska, however many there might be. However, when we look at the number of casinos--you know, LR 11CA, that was moving through the process last year, and how it would have really opened things up, and then they scaled it back a little bit--whether it's an infinite number of casinos in Nebraska, and you believe that casinos are bad, then it's really bad. But let's just say that you believe that casinos are good and bring jobs to communities. Senator Schimek's amendment certainly, when trying to give her perspective, the amendment that only has two casinos across the state certainly withholds opportunity from rural Nebraska.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: If there are two casinos in the state and you subscribe to the positive effects of casinos, only Lincoln and Omaha are bound to feel those positive effects, if you subscribe to that. I'll side with the research that shows that the impacts of casinos are inherently bad. It injects lots of money into campaigns. And I've heard Senator Beutler discuss the