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SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Janssen, what do they pay back now? I remember from committee, was it about fifty-two percent?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes. Fifty-four point nine percent.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay. That's getting...that's getting close. And so the odds aren't real good if you buy that scratch-off ticket, but it's more for entertainment value, I suppose. They will increase the payout though with the passage of this bill. Is that correct?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes, I think it's fifty-four, fifty-five percent...sixty-five percent. Will be sixty-five percent will be paid back because they'll have the extra dollars in sales.

SENATOR SCHROCK: So, from that standpoint, they think there will be more players because the payback will be better. And a lot of times if you cash...if you win five or ten dollars, you'll take that money to buy more tickets. Is that what happens?

SENATOR JANSSEN: As a rule. Watching people play them, they'll spend ten dollars and they'll, if they have some winners, they'll cash those and buy some more tickets until their ten dollars is gone. Then they'll quit.

SENATOR SCHROCK: The point I'd like to make here is, members of the Legislature, is that whether you're progambling, antigambling, this was put on the ballot and the lottery was started by the people of the state of Nebraska. It was put on the ballot; they voted for it. And it would appear to me like we should give the people who run the games the authority to run a competitive game with other states. And they think that they'll get more play, generate more money for education and the environment by increasing the payout, not decreasing the payout, by increasing the payout. You might say this is somewhat of an