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see where the states are getting a fair share back in taxes for the cost of this operation, and to...to treat those compulsory gamblers that are out there. We have that opportunity. Some states have...have made great mistakes and they can't get rid of it. That's one thing, once you start down this road, once you bring in the, particularly, the casino gambles...gambling you can't get rid of it. South Dakota tried to get rid of their slot machines, come very close, but they didn't get rid of it either. And so once we start down this road it's...it's going to be wider, we're going to have more and more included. The next amendment, I would imagine, will be to include, now, that all keno operations should be allowed to have slot machines also. Why stop with just the horse racing. Also, let's allow all bingo parlors to have slot machines too. Is that where we're headed? I think we meet...we need to make a determination here, as to how far we want to go. Yes, we already have gambling, and in the last several years we've resisted expanding that. Now, we have just opened the door and let the horse out and let the slot machines in. I don't believe that's the way we want to go here in Nebraska. If we really want to call this a good life I...I still say that all...all those operations, the slot machines the casinos all of those, are not built by winners, they're built by losers, people that have lost money...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...so that we can build this huge edifice to attract more people to lose more money. Senator Beutler at least had something that, I think, we could...we could take a look at and see if we could improve, see what we could work on. I had a lot of questions on that. But if we're going to go this...this way, I think the only way is to actually vote it down, vote the whole bill down. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I've been listening to this debate and the dialogue here, and I've arrived at the conclusion that if I really want to affect the action in here I propose a ballot initiative because that seems to get the attention most. And I hope that we do not find ourselves