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going to lose. (Laugh) They absolutely are going to lose. There's no way that you can win other than momentarily. And what is always interesting is, yes, if you win, you're going to play a little more. You're going to buy more of those tickets. But if you stay there long enough, soon...pretty soon it's all gone. The role of government is to be protective of its citizens, not predators, not to go out and try to achieve more dollars, to get more people to enter into this game. The government should not be involved in this type of activity. And I...we had this bill last year, and even before that, and then I come back with that same story, if we do this, if we do this, the keno people will think that the scratch tickets now have got one up on them, and so they're going to want to come in, and they want to expand their game a little bit. We got the pickle cards. They're going to want a little more than too. It's just that constant trying to get an edge on the next guy to get more of the...of people purchasing this game where eventually they lose. I just don't think that's an area that the state needs to be promoting. I wish we never would have got in it in the first place, but we're there. And I would just ask the body that we not entice people any more to buy any more tickets to dispose of their income in this manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm going to vote for the bracket motion. Unlike other attempts in the past, I think this is quite a legitimate attempt to make the system work better and to eventually sell more tickets. It's not, as far as I can tell, an attempt to enrich the intermediaries as it is to make the whole lottery system work better, and on that score, I think I want to recognize the legitimacy of the policy aims of the supporters. In the end, however, if the lottery were to dry up because people decided they didn't want to pay, that's fine with me. I think the lottery is something we've made available to the public, and if they want to play, okay. But to try to make it more attractive and to feed the lottery mechanism and to alter its provisions to get more play so that people can take more money and put it into the lottery, I don't want to help. This one I think is legitimate. Others in the past I don't think have been as