

is required to buy one. It is strictly optional. If you so choose, you can do it, and I think that probably is the biggest key. We have an opportunity here in Nebraska to generate anywhere from twelve to eighteen million dollars in additional revenue without raising taxes one dime, a method whereby we can get...generate some excitement and some interest on the part of our citizens and those people who want to take advantage of this particular system can. Actually lotteries go back as far as 1776 and helped finance America's first settlement in Jamestown so this country certainly has a long history of getting involved in lotteries. The fourteen states which have lotteries have been able to run those very successfully, and even though the economy has been faltering, the amount of additional revenue that's been provided for those states has continued to increase year after year. The bill provides that the State Department of Revenue shall conduct and handle lottery, and while they may use outside assistance, the Department of Revenue will be responsible for the lottery and hence all the rules and regulations in terms of running that system will be handled through them. I think it is interesting to note to what the breakdown is on the cost and the figures regarding the revenue. Forty-five percent of the money generated will be returned to the public. Forty percent will be kept for the state. Ten percent, and I emphasize this point because it is a very small percentage, only ten percent will be used for administrative costs, hiring of personnel, the paying of equipment, this type of stuff, and five percent will go to salesmen, will go to those supermarkets, those drug stores, those organizations or individuals who would be involved in the actual selling of the lottery ticket. So if you take the forty-five percent which would be returned to the public, the forty percent which the state gets, the five percent which the retailer gets, and even part of the ten percent which is used for salaries, virtually all of the money stays in Nebraska and I think that is another important point. Of the money that is generated, we are talking about as much perhaps if not more than \$40 million, that money would stay right here in the State of Nebraska, would not be going out state. In addition, because of the unique setup of Nebraska where we have a number of large towns on border states, such as, Omaha with Council Bluffs. We have Chadron. We have Falls city. We have a number, and we have heard this, of course, on 221 in terms of the availability of getting to a state in a half hour, we have a very unique opportunity to pull in a large amount of additional revenue from other states and certainly I can't think of a better way of doing that than having a lottery. Now people are interested in lotteries. The