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where they have had lotteries, in the fourteen states where they have had lotteries, that figure has been cut over fifty percent. So in Nebraska, we could expect a reduction of seventy-five thousand people not gambling illegally, seventy-five thousand people not gambling illegally. I think that is substantial. In Omaha it would be nineteen thousand and, Senator Chambers, in your district it might even be higher than in other districts because there is a large amount of gambling that goes on but there is a large amount of gambling that goes on in each and every legislative district, and whether we have a state lottery or not, the people are still going to gamble. I would guess that I could walk down to your barbershop on some days, Senator Chambers, and probably find a sheet being passed around and I don't mean to single yours out because I have seen sheets in my meat establishment. The point is that they are passed around in many places. A customer may bring one in even though you don't personally handle a sheet in your place of business. What I am saying is that gambling is a way of life, it is a form of life and people are going to want to do that. Let's at least make this opportunity for them available so they can do it in a legal fashion. As I said, it is not going to cost the state money. It is an additional source of revenue. I certainly think that there are some other points which have been brought up and Senator Chambers' kill motion is extremely at the very least premature.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I certainly support Senator Chambers' kill motion. I guess I don't like lotteries, number one. I agree with him one hundred percent that I don't like the smoke screen that he is hiding the lottery bill behind. If we here in the Legislature don't have enough guts to fund special education and all the other agencies that we fund, then we are in a sorry state. I just don't like the idea one little bit. It is always interesting to see the inconsistency. As I remember, Senator Simon was one of the strong proponents to eliminate the food tax which up till now has been \$20 a year and he said himself that probably people wouldn't gamble more than a dollar week. That is \$54. These are the people, and in a great many instances, that he is asking the poor or the underprivileged not to have to pay this horrible food tax and then saying it is perfectly all right to pay a dollar a week for lotteries. Somebody may strike it rich, but for everyone that does, there is dozens and hundreds of them that