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lottery. Now in my opinion, in my opinion, the state already is compelling poor persons to make decisions concerning how they allocate their money. A lottery doesn't make, doesn't compel any person to make those decisions. They make those decisions totally consensually. Now some say that a lottery itself is encouragement of vice. I personally am not so convinced gambling is a vice, but if it is, I think that is more a personal moral kind of a question. We know that gambling occurs. What a controlled lottery tends to do is it tends to regulate vice. You know a number of states right now have state liquor stores. I suppose when the liquor stores are put in it could be seen as encouraging the vice of drinking to an excess but the truth of the matter is the liquor stores are put in for the purpose of more carefully regulated distribution of liquor. I submit that a state regulated lottery is more careful and controlled regulation of gambling. It is a noteworthy project as opposed to a despicable endeavor. Third, some condemn the state on a lottery issue as in effect taking a position on a moral issue, coming down in effect on the side of gambling and the state ought to stay out of moral issues. Well, the truth of the matter is the state from time immemorial has been involved in what people perceive as moral issues. For example, we spend much time debating the contours of abortion legislation and very clearly we are infringing on one person's concept of morals. We may be endorsing another person's concept of morals and infringing on the former's. We do the same thing oftentimes. The lottery issue, to a large extent, is not taking a position on a moral matter. It represents a value that the state has decided it is going to regulate an area. It is going to be involved in an area for what purpose, for the purpose in the end of raising revenues in a new way and the one thing that I have learned over the last year and a half in this body is that this legislature has a penchant to narrow its tax base. It likes to exempt people from paying taxes, from paying their fair share of taxes or the full amount of taxes because it likes to be a friend to everyone and everyone comes down here and asks for tax help except, of course, the great public, the homeowner. The lottery will add money to our coffers that we then use to meet some of the needs that exist in the special education area. Now we could pick (interruption).

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Special education is clearly an area we