

and any time we try to pass a state lottery proposal on this floor we're going to get shotgunned. And any Omaha senator that would vote for it will get run out of town with a club. I want to point out also that we talk a lot about what should be included here. Should there be videos or no videos? It is a fact of life, ladies and gentlemen, that you have video machines in the state today. There isn't a single district in this state that doesn't have video machines. They're going to be there and they're going to operate and you're not going to do anything about it until the day comes when you legalize video lotteries. Now you can stand up here as pompous as you like and talk against them but they are a fact of life and they're going to continue to be a fact of life. They're like sport betting. I never placed a bet on a football game in my life and you've got a billion dollars worth of sport betting going on in this state of which not one dime is taxed. And you can stand here and pontificate against that and make an idiot of yourself if you choose and that's all you're doing. That's all you're doing. Now you don't like to be told that, do you? You want to be able to go back home and tell your folks, well, I'm against gambling. If you're against gambling, march down to the local tavern and do a Carrie Nation act on the video machine. If you are against gambling, do a Carrie Nation act on the bookie that takes the football bets. If you're against gambling, do a Carrie Nation act on the pickles that are illegal that flow into this state by the hundreds of millions of dollars. Now someone said, I believe it was the World-Herald editorial that says illegal gambling is no excuse for state lottery. Well, let me tell you something, ladies and gentlemen, the best excuse for not having a state lottery is the Omaha keno operation and the World-Herald knows that and that's exactly where they're coming from. The state ought to take a larger portion of the keno operations that are now being run by the cities and the state ought to also see to it that whatever lottery you run is run legally, is taxed properly and that all illegal gambling is then put out of business. I just want to comment once more on the entire constitutional amendment proposal, particularly any reference to the idea that we're going to pay off the Commonwealth depositors with that money. It's a year and a half, ladies and gentlemen, before it can go on the ballot. That means it's at least another year and a half before you can have the thing in operation. That means three more years before there is any money flows to a depositor if, in fact, it is amended. Lastly, this amendment, by Senator Beutler will not pass. It is the same as a video type...the veterans type proposal. Every