

group, how do you make it specific without...

SENATOR SMITH: Naming the group.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...naming the group.

SENATOR SMITH: And then, as far as I'm concerned, when you name the group then what you do is you make it so specific you're actually putting something in the Constitution which is showing preference to one group of people. And I...I...I just can't support that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I just hope you understand...

SENATOR SMITH: I understand where you people are coming from but the thing that you have to also recognize is where we are coming from,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR SMITH: ...the rest of the State of Nebraska. And I don't...I mean, I believe strongly that we should allow the people to vote on this issue if we're going to end up with a state lottery and that's why, even though it's been bandied back and forth do we or do we not need to have this constitutional provision to allow the people to tell us this? I believe strongly we do have to let the people tell us this. And I have to fight then anything that's going to cast a vote on the wrong side of this issue so that it doesn't go off this floor. And, for that reason then, I will have to oppose the amendment as it's written because I believe that you should not be specifically saying a group of people are going to be favored in the Constitution.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, well, we're not saying they're going to be favored...

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Beutler, there's no question asked you and we're still on Senator Smith's time, which means you're out of order.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Smith, do you wish to close?