

are in some of the other parts of the state. So you might pick up some supporters here in Lincoln. You also might pick up some supporters in Omaha because there are...there are some depositors there who have never been paid in full. So I'm not sure that that fear is justifiable although I can't prove it at this point. It would be a gamble, if you will, in some respects. We don't know. I guess, also, you know, I don't...we talked to the Governor, the Governor doesn't have a problem with the language. I know some of you have concerns about the money going for educational purposes. If we were to get down to the point, if the constitutional amendment passed and we were to get down to the point where we were trying to decide if the Commonwealth depositors would get some money from the lottery proceeds, that's...that's a decision then. But the Governor does not have problems with the language as it is now. We would have to make that decision down the road. The only other thing I would like to say, and I think Senator Landis said this earlier in a conversation today, is that those people who like to gamble are going to support this bill no matter what's tacked onto it, and those people who would like to have their taxes reduced because of the proceeds from gambling are going to vote for this no matter what. I think we should do it. I...aside from all the moral and all the legal questions here, I think it's doable and I would just urge you to consider this seriously. And, with that, Mr. President, do I have any time left?

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Beutler will have 30 seconds if you yield.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Probably just pass on that. Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Schellpeper and Senator Withem.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President, I will speak just shortly. I sent a letter out to all of the people who have written me, all the depositors who have written me or called me over the years about this particular piece of legislation that we're talking about today. And all I will say about it, I'm not going to go into anything else, just as Senator Schimek, I think we've said it all many times, I don't like gambling. I don't like lotteries. I think that they...lotteries in particular, do take money from people who can least afford it. So, on that premise, I'm going to say to those of you, and I'm sure there