

going to benefit? It is not going to be the people who think they are going to have their lives turned around because they are going to be lucky. That is not going to be an overall benefit to the people of the State of Nebraska. The people that are going to benefit primarily are those that are engaged in the gambling business in some method or other, the people that provide the equipment, the people that will be actively engaged in the lottery from a commercial point of view. It will not be the subdivisions of the state. It will not be the people of the state. It will be the few commercial interests. Certainly some of Nebraska's money goes into other states because of the lottery, or because other states have some sort of gambling and people want to gamble. That certainly is true and I'm not going to say that it is not. But that is not enough of an argument to establish it in this state. You have heard tales of the problems of other states, particularly small states, in regard to what happens to the lottery or any other form of gambling after some time has passed. It starts out like gangbusters, then it dwindles down and dwindles down, and then you find yourself, your state, in the advertising business trying to drum up support for gambling. That has happened in other states. We know it will happen in this state. I would just close by saying I hope you don't vote for this constitutional amendment because in the long-term interest of this state, I sincerely believe it is not in our best interest, in the best interest of the people of this state.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. I will now recognize the senators in the following order: Senator Labeledz, Will, Hartnett, Peterson, Schellpeper, and Wesely. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I rise in support of LR 24CA. I brought with me today a letter, a group of information that I get from the Canadian lottery about every three months, and let me read you some of the things they are saying here. "Right now in front of you is the biggest opportunity you may ever have to win big money. You can have over 10,000 chances to win your share of up to \$1 million just by entering the American Lottery Company Big Five Lotto Group. It is true, for less than a penny per play, you can improve your chances of winning your share of the \$1 billion with the American Lottery Company Big Five Lotto Group. In fact, you get three chances for a penny. The change in your pocket will be all you need to win big. When you enter the Big Five Lotto Group, you actually get 10,800 chances to win big money. Your