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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Abboud, do you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, colleagues, I'm going to talk a little bit about the amendment, but also talk about the bill itself and the concept of deciding prior to the enactment of the constitutional amendment if this is actually in the best interest of determining where these funds should be used. Last year, you might recall, we had a constitutional amendment that provided for the appellate court system in the State of Nebraska. And in that particular constitutional amendment, at the same time as we provided a rather clear description of what the court of appeals would look like, once the people approved it, we also provided for a legislative bill that provided for an explanation of how the bill would function, giving the voters an opportunity to see how the Legislature would probably draft that constitutional amendment. It's my belief that following that particular approach that this particular bill may be a good concept, but I'm not sure, much the same as the bill last year, introduced by Senator Kristensen, I'm not sure whether this bill, just as Senator Kristensen's bill last year, should become the law of the state, prior to a constitutional amendment being enacted. I feel that we have to allow the voters of this state the opportunity to vote on this issue, not because we're passing on responsibility to the voters, but rather the Constitution of the State of Nebraska must be changed. There are only certain instances that the Constitution of this state allows for gambling in this state to take place. Parimutuel betting on horse racing, bingo, these are examples of where it is allowed. And I don't believe, and past Attorney Generals have not believed that we could pass a state lottery without the vote of the people. I have voted to advance the state lottery constitutional amendment. I'm not sure exactly where I'm going to be when we come around on Final Reading. But I think that it's worthy of discussion. And, if a state lottery is something