

that the voters do want, that we have to have these particular tools, legislative bills available. Now deciding on where this money should go is difficult. And maybe the best approach, in getting a state lottery passed, would be to allow the voters to imagine, or I should say the special interest groups imagine that they may get a slice of the pie. I'm not sure this is the best sort of strategy to be bringing forth this type of amendment. I have my own amendment on where I feel some of this money should go. I have an amendment that provides that 1 percent of the net lottery proceeds should go into a gamblers assistance fund, much the same as the state lottery...State of Iowa has dealing with their state lottery. There are serious problems with gambling. And the Legislature must realize that when we go into the business, when we go into the business of establishing a state lottery it will be different than any other type of gambling that has been allowed in this state, in that the State of Nebraska has never been directly tied. We've taken their tax dollars, we've taken some of their revenue, but we've never been actually in the business of running a sort of gambling operation. In addition to running it, we're also promoting it. We're promoting the idea that somehow people can become millionaires instantaneously, if they purchase these lotteries, and that the probability of this happening are really not all that difficult...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ABBOUD: ...or great. And in that regard I have a problem with the state lottery system. If the voters of the state choose to enact a state lottery system, then that's fine, I'll support the wishes of the voters, but I feel that it may be a little premature in enacting this type of a bill. Senator Lynch, Senator Rasmussen, a number of other members in this body have very worthy ideas on how this fund should be used. And if education is one area we want to go for to put the money in, that would probably be a good area. And maybe there are some other areas out there that need to be brought into the bill as well. It's not going to be a tremendous money maker, but it will be some additional money for the state, probably not as much as the promoters would like the State Legislature...to have the State Legislature think it would be.

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