

we decided that we would support you in the effort to put this bill out where it was supposed to have been just to send a message. Do you recall that conversation that we had about that, that it's original intent was just to allow or maybe to force Douglas County and Omaha to come together to the table to come up with a consensus on keno operation in that area? And it would have allowed then, originally the way the bill was drafted allowed a local option lottery within Omaha without Omaha's consent. And the bill has come a long way from what that original intent was and my understanding was that this was going to be something we dealt with, threw out, wouldn't do anything with it and just get them to get together at the table. Well, a long time ago they came to the table and came up with an agreement and now we're dealing with other kinds of things in this bill. In the amendment itself, and I'm going to go ahead and speak on this because who knows when we'll be able to get back up here again the way the lights come on, but we really, truly are, with what you're proposing in your amendment, coming very, very close to what we call a true video lottery. It was definitely not within the spirit of the law when this Legislature authorized keno back in 1989. I don't think that we did anticipate or intend that we would reach a point where we were dealing with instant keno, based on what the communities are using, their purpose for keno at this point in time in the communities, it's very similar. And I guess the idea that I would like to have everyone understand here is just to tell you how keno, instant keno, steps up the amount of play versus just regular keno which is now what we're allowing across the state, is to tell you that in one month's time in Ralston, from March the 1st to March the 31st, instant keno, money wagered alone was \$201,678. That was in addition to the live keno. The two together came to not quite \$2 million in one month, but just that one month alone on instant keno upped it by \$200,000, the play. I have a real concern about doing this. The other thing that I have a concern about is in your...in the amendment itself, remember that when we debated LB 795 the last time, Senator Hall, we adopted an amendment which prohibited the technology altogether by prohibiting player-accessed or activation to any lottery equipment and I think that was your amendment. And now what we're doing is turning that around totally but we're not defining what a player-accessed device is. It's not defined. And I would like to ask you, when you stand up and speak if you could give me a definition since it's not in this amendment. So that's another concern that I have. The bottom line is that instant keno is a great leap in the