

things, there is always that possibility out there and I think it's going to be there. And I agree with Senator Smith, it doesn't belong in the Constitution. There is a lot of things have happened in Nebraska where people have lost their money, a lot of things, and I don't think we need to have something in our Constitution every time that something like this happens. So I'm going to oppose the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Schellpeper, I think the best evidence that your argument won't hold to be the case out in the public, the one that I think perceives that the public can't keep two things separate in their mind at the same time is how well the public responded this last time when they voted on the lottery issue. Lottery issue has a 70 percent approval rating in this state and we had a lottery issue on the ballot and it went down. It went down because the people could keep two things separate in their mind. One, the lottery that they wanted and, two, the lottery they were getting. They were able to pick through and recognize that the lottery that was on the ballot was a sham and was an open invitation for money being jammed in some pockets and run off south. And the populace who has always wanted a lottery voted it down. The public isn't that ignorant. The public has often wanted less taxes and less spending and have defeated lids and the Jaksha proposal because they could see that it was poorly written, didn't know how to be interpreted for federal funds, cash funds. The public are not as ignorant as you think. They can keep two things in their head at one time and they can walk and chew gum and they can tell the difference when the one thing says, do you want a lottery, and then in a separate little box right below it, just like all the rest of the times they go to the ballot box and there are several other issues, there will be one down there that says do you accept the use of lottery proceeds to pay off Commonwealth? And believe me they have strong opinions on it because I've heard them for six and a half years here on the floor by their representatives. The public is not that ignorant. They know both these issues, they've been queried on these issues in poll after poll. They have been queried on lids on spending propositions and they're just not that different than we are, you know, and we can keep these two things separate. We know this stuff. We're not more enlightened than they are. We're a cross section of the public and just as we can keep these two