

relative to charitable gambling will make those problems small although, of course, we would hope that the amounts of money involved here are not as great. Nonetheless, the opportunity for problems looms very great. One of the concerns that is never addressed, of course, when we talk about charitable gambling, is why we treat different types of gambling differently, and why those of us who are in the legislative position to make those decisions prefer to look to those who have not been successful for advice as to how to make the system work. Senator Chambers, for years, has tried to do something to collect some money from the most lucrative and the largest amount of gambling that takes place in this state, which does not show up on this chart, and that is the sports gambling. All of us know it takes place. It takes place in every small town, every city, every village, every country store, every time a game of any kind takes place, football, basketball, and I suppose the other sport games, baseball, and hockey, et cetera. My concern is that we do not address the issue by looking at what the successful states have done. A year ago I tried to suggest, I did suggest that the State of Nebraska handle the pickle care distribution. Of course the distributors of pickle cards, and my church, a number of others came from all four directions and they bamboozled the Legislature into saying we've got a system that's working. No one on this floor asked for whom is it working. We know who it's working for, and all of us know that. But this Legislature, in typical spineless approach that we take to those issues, refused to do anything about the pickle card situation, which is probably the least productive of the gaming activities which we have, and probably the most inclined to problems. The Department of Charitable Gaming has an almost insurmountable job, and I think they do a pretty good job of trying to regulate that. But, nonetheless, it's a...takes a super human effort. The keno games, of course, are going to continue to proliferate, and they will continue to spread. And one day when those revenues become much more substantial than they are today. The State of Nebraska will wring it's hands and those of us in the Legislature, if we are here, will say how did we allow this substantial source of revenue to get away from us. The State of South Dakota collects more than \$40 million from video lottery machines, more than 10 times what we collect here from all of our charitable gambling. I don't suppose there's any more gambling going on up there, it's just that they collect a certain percentage, rather high percentage, and the people pay and play. Here we collect only a minuscule amount, and probably, if we handled the money