

of gambling that is most established in the State of Nebraska, that has been accepted for a number of years, that is very highly regulated, very closely watched by the state and frankly by the people who participate in the wagering. This is not keno. I mean keno, it's incredible to me that the Legislature would not pass a bill like this when we've been involved in allowing cities to participate in keno which is a wide open gaming activity with which no other states have had experience and with which now we're learning that the experiences that you have are not always good. This is compared to keno this is an extremely regulated industry. This would be extremely regulated. You can't be safer, you can't be safer than with the provisions of LB 718. This is not an off-track betting facility, this is a facility that is directly connected to the track. It's not people who run bets to the track, it's not people who take your bets and book them themselves. This is directly connected to the track. In essence, it's part of the track. The other thing that's important that has not been mentioned in the debate thus far is that there's a variety of people that have to sign off before this can even be allowed. The horsemen have to sign off, the breeders have to sign off. In fact, the local subdivision, under an amendment that was approved that frankly I opposed, but under an amendment that was approved to this bill the local subdivision has to say, yes, you can do this. The City of Omaha has to get up in the case of Ak-Sar-Ben and say, yes, you can do remote betting facilities within the city. The other thing is that when you talk about the two types of wagering that are allowed by this bill the one is the telephonic wagering. In order to do that, an individual has to go down to the track, he has to establish an account, he has to have money on hand in order to make any wagers at all, he has to have a code number that only he knows and only then can that individual make wagers. This is a highly regulated bill, this is a very strictly enforced bill, this is not opening the floodgates. This is nothing of the sort. This is simply saying we're going to make it a little more convenient for people who enjoy going to the horse races, who enjoy betting on the horse races, which is a pastime that is time honored in Nebraska, that has been around for a number of years, that is well accepted given the fact that we have five thoroughbred racing tracks in Nebraska and two quarter horse tracks and that is something that we're simply trying to make sure that the industry keeps up to date, has modern standards and is able to attempt to survive. We need to send a message to the industry that we in the Nebraska Legislature are supportive of racing and are willing to