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would like to have a meeting at eleven o'clock in Room 2022; Intergovernmental Affairs, Room 2022 at eleven. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Hall, followed by Senator Beutler, Warner, and Schimek.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. Again I rise in opposition to the advancement of the bill, and I, Senator Warner, I accept on the face of your comments, I firmly believe that this is...that the genesis of this bill is out of the article that you read because I saw the same one that you're referencing. I do not believe at all that it's, in any case, directed toward past experience in the State of Nebraska, and I don't oppose it from that point of view either. My position is one of the limitation that we focus on one type of industry. The amendment that Senator Schellpeper spoke to with regard to possibly limiting any entity that has contracts with the state is probably one that I could support. But to focus on, and begin the listing of certain types of entities that can or cannot contribute based on their relationship with the state, and to not include them all, I guess, is where I see the problem. We start with gambling today, we may expand beyond those individuals who have contracts with the state. It may just be certain types of industries that some of us approve of or disapprove of, depending on our thoughts for that moment, for that day. I could very likely see where this is something that could expand to the liquor industry, possibly to the tobacco industry, those other vices that we tax, that we regulate, and that folks have strong feelings about with regard to whether or not they should be able to operate within the state, and to what extent they ought to be made available to individuals. It is a question for me just of do we being the process of carving out those individuals that can participate in the elective process through contributions and those who cannot. And what LB 28 does is it says that those folks who operate with regard to the state lottery cannot contribute. As I read the bill, I would think that there is nothing to prohibit the operation that has been awarded a local lottery contract to contribute to a legislative race that happens to be located in the district in which they are operating. The, granted, the decision would be made at the local level. There would be nothing that would prohibit that entity, that operation, from contributing to those local elected officeholders who made that decision. We limit the restriction, in this case, only to the state, only to the statewide officers, and only to the legislative body that would be dealing with