

to have an opportunity to vote on it. I also want to have the opportunity to make sure that it takes 25 votes. My dad raised poor kids, not dummies, and that's where this motion comes in and that's why it's in the rules. I asked the Clerk if he remembered it, I asked some others who had been around the body for a long time and then I went and asked Senator Warner and nobody knew about the motion, Senator Warner, off the top of his head, quoted a fellow who used it against him, I believe it was in 1966, and said, oh, yeah, I didn't even get a chance to speak to my bill and they killed it. He said I didn't know that rule was still in the rule book. Well it is and I want to use it at this time to allow for the body to speak to the issue, to talk about whether they think gambling should be expanded in Nebraska, to talk about their views of it, their position, whether they're proponents or opponents and I want to bring it to a vote. I want to vote on the measure because frankly I spent the last three days down here in Lincoln working with folks who have interests in this and we could spend a lot more time debating the committee amendments that are before us, amendments to those amendments and the bill might have a motion to be killed anyway placed on it. It might end up dead. Now I'm not interested in killing the bill but if the bill is going to be killed, I would rather have it shot instead of tortured to death and that's why this motion is in front of you because it puts it up to the top of the list and says, let's deal with it straight up and that's really the reason for the rule. Actually I believe it's a very good rule because it allows the Legislature to decide whether they want to spend a lot of time on a particular issue or whether they want to take it off the table and it's a very straightforward proposal on my part that allows people in this body to speak to the issue in, I guess, an abstract sort of way as opposed to based on the language that's in a committee amendment or in a green copy of a bill. With that, Madam President, I rise in opposition to the motion to postpone the bill. I believe that gambling in Nebraska is, like it or not, an economic issue. It is not an issue that is a moral one even though there are those that feel that way and I respect their opinions. I think this has boiled down to an issue that is one that speaks to dollars. Like it or not, it's that simple, that dirty, if you want to categorize it that way, it is merely money. Everything that we do in here deals with tax dollars if it has a fiscal impact on it. What LB 851 allows for is a revenue source. It could just as easily have been referenced to the Revenue Committee. It's a tax bill, that's what it is. It's characterized as a gambling bill, but in