

motion and kill the bill so that we can move on to other issues and not take the extensive time it would take to work through the bill because in my view moving forward in this would be the wrong direction to take. Again, I support the kill motion and ask you to as well. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Jensen, your light is next, followed by Senators Beutler, Chambers, Witek, Lynch, Dierks and Janssen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body, I do appreciate Senator Hall's approach to this. I think it is very good and maybe one that should be taken more often. Gambling is an economic issue. It's also a moral issue. It's a moral issue for the next generation. But the money used for betting means less money for gas, groceries, clothing and other needs. This means the gas station, grocery stores, clothing stores will sell less. Gambling produces no new wealth for the economy, it has no product, it adds nothing to the economy, it is an economic parasite. As such it is a leech on the economy resources needed to help those in need, the poor. Gambling also hurts the economy and the poor because it is self-consumptive. The cost of gambling is expensive. But when someone wishes or wins a lottery or a big jackpot they are paraded in front of the press and TV with all the glory and with all their big winnings. What the officials fail to inform the unsuspecting public is that in order for that person to be a winner, there must be many, many others who are losers. Gambling for Nebraska is a protectionist idea. It won't be a great tourism attraction. If we had the finest casino in Ak-Sar-Ben, if we had some of the most beautiful slot machines at the Nebraska State Fair, we still are not going to attract people from Indiana, people from New Mexico, people from Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, Missouri where there is already gambling in itself. The people from all over the United States are not going to flock here. Now if we look at that issue as we can't let our dollars escape out of this state, then it would be logical for us to go out at Grand Island or North Platte and build a huge mountain, get snow machines and have skiing in Nebraska to prevent all those people from Nebraska going to Colorado to ski. If gambling is expanded I think we also then need to expand the dollars that we're putting into welfare. We need to expand our dollars that we are putting into crime. Atlantic City went from fiftieth to first in the nation in per capita crime after casino operations began in the late seventies. Deadwood, South Dakota, which is a