

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you.

SENATOR WITEK: I guess this is an issue that I've done a lot of thinking about too, and a lot of talking about, all the way from a senior class that came in here from Millard South to just about everywhere we go to just this last Saturday at out senators meetings and I also made questionnaires out to my district and asked about this issue so it isn't something I think that people, that some people might think, and Senator Withem I think made a comment about this that there's going to be some people who morally disagree with this. I think as senators, most of us, and I would say probably all of us have come at this issue not from a yes or now, absolutely, we're morally opposed to it, but have looked at many broader issues and discussed the economic issues with a lot of different people who are being affected by...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...gambling in the State of Nebraska and who will be affected by a change in gambling, so the moral issue of whether to allow gambling or not was discussed by Senator Wesely's timeline at least 30 years ago, 40 years ago almost, so to me that's not an issue that we're discussing here on the moral issue. What we are discussing, as Senator Hall said, on whether to expand gambling or not and I think I have come to that decision and have claimed publicly that I will not support a further expansion of gambling in the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Speaker and members, I want to make sure all of you who have a moral objection to gambling, please do not take some of what I have to say too seriously because some of its done with tongue in cheek because I've seen in some cases so much hypocrisy regarding moral issues because it sounds good back home. What's interesting today, I looked in the paper and the editorial page says, experienced studies make it clear that gambling preys on the poor. It's right in the first section on the editorial page but right above those articles in the paper that, at least I read the most when I do read the newspaper, the obituaries to see which of my friends are still out there, are two ads. The same newspaper that says we shouldn't prey on the