

poor put a couple ads in their newspaper here, one for the Bluff Bell Casino up in Sioux City that says you get a free buffet, free ride, free drinks, free \$5 on \$50 purchase or whatever and then right next to it is another ad for Winnevegag from Sloan, Iowa and I just want to point out that sometimes what people say they obviously don't mean. And as far as the morality of the issue is concerned, and how gambling affects the poor, I'll tell you some other things that affect the poor that this legislative body deals with. One could be welfare reform. When all of you and some of you looked at welfare reform did you think of how that really hurt or helped poor people? Now you have maybe talked about welfare reform because you know there were some people who vote like those in the business community are fairly wealthy that want welfare reform and you know you're going to satisfy them when you talk about the need for it without every understanding exactly how it affects those people. And in some cases it was a terrible thing indeed that we possibly could perpetrate on them. How about how this affects old and retired people, mostly who are poor some of them. Homestead exemption, let's take that for example. How many of you got something through the mail when they were no longer able to use social security as part of the ratio to justify their homestead exemption and now are unable to. In some cases in my district where they were paying \$80 to maybe \$150, there are two letters I can think of in particular that now have to pay, to be completely frank, 800 and 1,500 in taxes by taking away that exemption from them, it may and possibly will provide that they may have to move into a rest home or a nursing home and then we can spend 2 to \$3,000 a month taking care of them. But it might make some of you feel good who have some of those moral inclinations that we shouldn't worry about the impact on poor people. Homeowners are the same thing. The way the property tax issue is concerned, property taxes and homeowners who get no exemptions who are not on the homestead exemption list will obviously pay more. Just for rural exemptions we're maybe looking at 21 or \$22 million and for some other exemptions and another 10, this year another 30 some million dollars. You say it doesn't directly affect property tax but you know better. So let's put behind us the arguments as it involves this issue regarding morality.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: Brothers and sisters, I want to tell you I walked into that Senator's Lounge back there and the smoke was