

because I understand that there are those that believe that way. I don't happen to be one of them, that's for darn sure, but I've always been real straightforward in terms of this issue and what I believe what it purports to be. It is money, it is purely money. It is a revenue source and Senator Chambers is absolutely right because, I mean, we do damage as Senator Chambers talked about the litany of bills that are out here and he knows where I'm at on every single one of those issues so he didn't ask me about those with regard to this proposal because, I mean I think I'm fairly consistent in regard to how I deal with these types of things. I do it because I believe it's the right thing to do to allow people the opportunity to vote on this issue. Now the question comes back, Senator Hall, if you believe that way, do you think we ought to vote on whether to legalize drugs and sell those? Let me look at the proposal. If it's enough money, I might just do it. I understand the argument behind that, that if you do legalize certain things, you do take out of the mix some of the problems that are created and you also help potentially to solve those. Gambling falls in that pattern as well. When you legalize activities such as this and you build in components that help those people who do have the kind of problems that Senator Jensen mentioned because there are compulsive gamblers, I mean that happens. To say that proposals like this or gambling that we currently have in Nebraska does not hurt people would be a flat out lie. It would not be true. It would not recognize reality. Does it hurt them to the degree that some like to lead us to believe, I don't think so, but it does and we have to address that as part of this component. When we propose these types of measures we have to try to build in proposals that recognize that and use those monies to help offset that to any degree that we can. But it is clearly, for me, an issue of economics. We have a tough time here raising money. We don't have the ability to go out and do the kinds of things that would allow for correcting all those evils that we know exist in the state. We won't raise the revenue necessary to solve all those problems so we look for different opportunities. We look at the easiest ways to raise that revenue, and gambling happens to be one. I don't believe that this is a property tax measure, but I would respect those that do and want to address that. That's an option that probably should be debated. I may or may not support it, depending on what impact it has on the bill, but I will clearly make my position known on property taxes and what it would take...