

looking at the language of the payment, I appreciate all the work that Senator Hall has done on this bill, bringing this before the Legislature as well as the committee. And I know a lot of times we talk about trying to work these bills out in committee. And after looking at the amendments I'm not quite sure if that's always the best approach because it is rather confusing on the payment language. When you get to license racetracks, the language that was in the committee amendments provide for 20 percent of the net income of the lottery terminal operated by the licensed racetrack to be paid to the local option fund, 25 percent of the net income at location other than licensed racetrack to be remitted to an account maintained by city, county or village. License as authorized one or more charitable organizations to receive 10 percent of the lottery terminals requires 40 percent of the net income of a terminal of a charitable organization to be remitted to the local option lottery. Now the language...then it goes in about...goes further about the state when it comes to proceeds derived from a racetrack. I was really...I really wanted to give this bill a fair chance. And when it was originally brought to me the idea was that we have to do something to deal...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...with the fact that Iowa is going to be having slots and Iowa is going to have casinos, and as a result of all of that we're going to have a reduction in the amount of money that goes to the racetracks, reduction in the amount of money that goes to keno, our restaurants and bars are going to suffer as a result. Maybe that's going to happen, maybe it isn't, I don't really know. But I do know that if that's their concern then maybe the best approach should have been that the money would all go to the State of Nebraska and we would allow them to operate these different facilities. But that's not what's taken place with this particular bill. And I'm wondering if the best amendment should have been maybe the committee reevaluates it. I'm really undecided right now whether to kill the bill or not, but I do feel that this bill has some problems. And the fact that it was drafted by a number of different groups I think has really damaged the bill. And by dividing up how this money should be...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you.