

wouldn't have any problem trying to catch that bullet in my teeth as long as my head isn't turned around and I catch it in the back. That's what happens most of the time on some of these types of proposals that I carry. But the fact of the matter is we need to address this as a state. We're getting our pockets picked big time. We're having our businesses hurt, we're looking at citizens of this state going elsewhere and just saying, fine, if our state won't do it, if our Legislature won't address it, we'll go and enjoy the opportunity elsewhere, we'll leave our money over there. And Senator Jensen raises the issues of, well that means less dollars will be spent here and there on these other things. You know what happens when those people go other places to gamble? They buy gas, they buy food, they go to shows, they rent motel rooms, they spend dollars elsewhere. And granted, Senator Jensen, I'd love to be able to build that mountain and keep them here so they would ski in Nebraska, like the poster says. As soon as Kansas builds theirs and Iowa builds theirs, I'll bring in that bill too and say, let's make a huge ski resort out in Grand Island or Kearney. But right now we're competing for that gambling dollar...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...and I want to see us have the opportunity to address that issue, to let the people vote on it. Maybe we can come to agreement in terms of what kind of proposition we will fashion, Senator Robak, that we will fashion here on the floor that makes good policy for the State of Nebraska in terms of expanded gambling. But if you vote to indefinitely postpone we can't get there. If you do and the bill dies, that's fine. It's a gamble on a gambling bill, I can live with that. I have no problem rolling the dice as big as they are, on this proposal. And I hope people take it seriously, as Senator Withem suggested, because I'm dead serious about it. I hope the bill isn't dead serious when I'm done here. But I do hope that you vote your conscience because it's the kind of thing that you can't be really on one side or the other, you really have to address it hopefully. And I would urge you to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone, let's clean this proposal up, bring it out here and debate the issue at the appropriate time. With that, Madam President, I would ask that a board vote be put into place. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Chambers, for a point of order.