

before, the last time was the right way to handle it. I wouldn't change anything that I did. And I don't believe...well, as a matter of fact, I know the votes aren't there for this reconsideration motion. I went around and counted noses myself and they were not wet and cold and friendly, but they were warm and hot and did not want to deal with this issue the second time. So I can live with that. But the issue is one that won't go away easily, I guess, because the fact of the matter is there is a tremendous revenue loss to the state. The numbers are in, over in Council Bluffs at least, and the reason that I am so concerned is because, as you know, my district does border that area and I hear about it on a daily basis from small business folks and from constituents who frequent Iowa. Two and a half million dollars a week, two and a half million dollars a week is what Iowa is earning, that's the net, folks, that's after the prizes are paid, expenses are paid, two and a half million dollars a week; 70 to 80 percent of that is coming from Nebraskans, that's the estimates. If you figure 80 percent, you're looking at 2 million out of 2.5 million being spent by Nebraskans in Iowa, that's the net. You've got to factor all that up to about well nine times, almost, in order to find out what's being spent. But \$2 million every week Nebraskans are putting into the Iowa tax coffers, that's where the money figure sits right now, and it's probably only going to grow when the casinos are put in place, when the boats are put on the river. We just need to address this. Clearly from the conversations I've had with individuals this is not the year, and I understand that am willing to accept it, I was when the motion was before us the last time. So I haven't changed my position and clearly the body hasn't changed theirs. But I do appreciate the...I guess just the use of the rules, the tactical maneuver that Senator Will and Senator Lindsay afford us to speak to this issue in case folks did want to address it one more time, did want to speak to it, and I can live with that. But again I am firmly convinced that the body does not want to deal with this issue this year, and I understand that. And like it or not, you know, you just...you got to know when to hold them and know when to fold them Senator Fisher said one time when he was quoting from a song. And I told Senator Fisher, I said, you know the only problem with that is that song ends with the line that says, and the best thing that you can hope for is that you'll die in your sleep. Well, this bill is asleep, it's dead, and we might as well just pull the covers over it. Thank you, Madam President.