

protects the interests of the people of the state of Nebraska. They may authorize games of chance, lotteries or gift enterprises as provided by this body. No place in 43CA are we saying that this will allow casino gambling, it has to go to a vote of the people first. Nothing in LR 43CA, in any form, will allow casino gambling without a vote of the people. Attorney General Stenberg, like I stated before, has stated that we cannot do that, and I agree with him. I think our constitution states that in order to expand in any kind of a video or electronic gaming that we have to do that. So these committee amendments basically set up a Gaming Commission so that we have, if we do expand, they would be run in a very well run, be run with integrity and honesty. And, with that, I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The item under consideration is a Schellpeper amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Will, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise in support of the Schellpeper amendment to the committee amendments. And I would emphasize that essentially, and Senator Schellpeper can correct me if I'm wrong, but essentially, as I read it, this would embody what the original committee amendments were, plus the establishment of a Gaming Commission. And I think that regardless of your position on the amendment, LR 43, itself, it would be wise to adopt this amendment to the committee amendments because of the establishment of a Gaming Commission. Because I think it's obvious that if we do get into the realm of expanded gambling, that it would be a wise decision to have a Gaming Commission that would regulate that expanded gambling. The current gambling that we have on the books now, including horse racing, charitable gaming activities, is adequately regulated by the Racing Commission and by the Department of Revenue respectively. But I think if we did get into the realm of casino gambling, of video slot machines, electronic devices, that certainly a full-time Gaming Commission would be the way to go in order to insure that we adequately regulate those types of games, because that type of game, I think, would probably go beyond the scope of what the Revenue Department currently at least is capable of. Obviously we could beef up the Revenue Department, but I think it would be important to have a separate Gaming Commission, and for that reason alone I think that it would be wise to adopt the