

what I'm going to do, I have so many places to go and they're virtually only five minutes from my door. She says, I wasn't always a gambler. As a matter of fact, I was totally opposed until I got lucky one day and hit the jackpot. Well that did it. The rush was great. Being the center of attention was great. All the free money was great. That was the hook, as they call it, and I've been hooked ever since. Then I got a call from a young man, just two weeks ago, lives five blocks from Ak-Sar-Ben. And he says, Mr. Jensen, don't bring expanded gambling into Nebraska and into the Ak-Sar-Ben area. He said, I have built an invisible wall at the Missouri River and I...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...say to myself there are no bridges across that river and I can't go there. But if you bring casino gambling into the Ak-Sar-Ben area that's too close, I'm going to have to move, I can't stay there. I'll have to either move out of the city or out of the state, but I can't have it that close to my home. Those are the stories of people that have come to me. This gambling is about people. It's about people that are...and this state's economics and what it does to lives. And certainly all the facts, if you study the facts from all the states, from all the research, from all the studies it all points to one thing--this is not an activity that Nebraska should expand into. The next step is a major step, it's a big step, because you add one slot machine into the state of Nebraska, you have opened up the entire state to casino gambling.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, Senator Schellpeper, I'm just seeking, at this point, to understand this latest amendment and what it does. And for that purpose I'd like to ask you a couple of questions, if I may.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Be glad to.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schellpeper.