

they come back to Nebraska. If there are any pitfalls about expansion of gambling or casino gambling, Omaha has it right now. But they don't get any benefit, the benefits stay with Iowa. The benefits stay with the casinos. If there would be some way that we could blow up the bridge and say you can't cross here, I think then it might be that we could keep people in Omaha. When 90 percent of the people in these casinos are from Omaha and Sarpy County, basically from those two counties, to say that we don't want to expand gambling anymore in this state isn't realistic, because we have it in Omaha, we just don't have any benefits. Some of the pitfalls, I realize there's people that do become problem gamblers. We can't do anything about that. As far as a bookie and betting on sports betting, that's been going on for years and years and it will continue to go on for years and years. We cannot regulate sports betting. Senator Will would like to, but it's a federal law that only Nevada and New Jersey can have sports betting. It's probably unconstitutional to say that the other states can, but that's a federal law, and nobody has ever challenged that law. Whether Nebraska challenged it or not I don't know. I think there's probably more dollars bet on sports betting than what a lot of people would even imagine, especially this last Sunday. It's amazing the amount of dollars bet on sports betting. And bookies, I've never used a bookie, I don't bet that way. I don't understand the different point spreads sometimes. But I think that you have to take a look at what's happening in this state currently. LR 43CA, the amendment I propose, the committee amendments, none of those are going to expand gambling in this state without a vote of the people. So what we're arguing about today is whether or not we're going to allow the people of this state the right to vote on an issue that they have a right to vote on. The right of the people to vote is part of our heritage and our constitution. I think every issue that we have like this should go to a vote of the people. They should decide that. If they say no, gambling is done for this state as far as any expansion. We'll stay with our keno and our bingo and our pickle cards and our lottery. And if they say yes, then we come back to this body, and only, only then with the...with this body saying we are going to expand in something else would we expand. We don't have to have any fight this year on expansion of any gambling, that can wait until next year, if the voters approve. If they say no, gambling is dead.