

when they're voting on this amendment. And again, I would urge you to adopt this amendment regardless of your position on LR 43CA in general, because I think it's a responsible amendment that creates a Gaming Commission, and simply would get the constitutional amendment in good shape should it advance, should it be presented to the voters. So I would urge your support for this specific amendment at this time.

SPEAKER [THEM]: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Senator Schellpeper, would you answer just a couple questions for me. Before I get into the discussion of the pros and cons of gambling, I've had a lot of phone calls as to exactly what the voters will be voting on. So I want to make it really clear on the record, for everyone who is watching this issue, exactly what the language will do that goes to the voters. Most of the people that I talked to, because of the discussion that's been going on, think that once it's approved, once this language, whatever it is, is approved by the voters, we will immediately have gambling.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No.

SENATOR WITEK: And I want them to understand...and they're not even sure what form of gambling we will have. So I want them to understand that once this language is approved by the voters it comes back to the Legislature, and we make the decisions again.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right. Only with the approval of the Legislature, nothing would be approved with this 43CA.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, because this is something that... Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. This is something that is discussed an awful lot in the Omaha area. Those individuals who are supposedly for expanded gambling think that as soon as they vote on this they're going to have expanded gambling. And I want them to understand that it comes back again to the Legislature to make these decisions. And those individuals who are opposed to expanded gambling are saying, and rightly so, on our county board we've had some, as you probably all know, some pretty big discussions on this issue. And what has to be understood here is that this language will come back. This will allow this issue to come back to the Legislature, and we'll decide if you