

this language you don't know what you're voting on, you don't know where the money is going to go, you don't know what games would come to Nebraska. This is just language that allows us to further discuss the issue and decide, and then we'll decide, and then that will be the law. All you will be allowed to do is vote on this language that allows us to decide. And I hope that that clarifies some of the discussion out there on our county board, and in my neighborhoods, and in my phone conversations, and face-to-face conversations. When you vote for this you won't know what you're voting for, and that's something I want very clear and on the record. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. That's interesting, Senator Witek, what you would just be stating there, because I would like you to turn to Section 14, and it says the Legislature may authorize and regulate games of chance, the proceeds of which may be used only for property tax relief, which is interesting because of all the states that have casino gambling, to my knowledge, none have had any property tax relief. But Nebraska may be the first. It may be used for charitable or community betterment purposes. That's also interesting too because in 1934, when we had parimutuel gambling first come into Nebraska, what was the purpose for that? It wasn't for racetracks, it wasn't for horse breeders, it was for charity, it was to be used for charity. Now it's interesting that here, several years later the dollars that were supposed to be...that the horse racing dollars which were supposed to be used for charity now has become the charity. And then it goes on to say, community betterment, and then for civic benefit, whatever that is, for job creation and economic development. Members of the Legislature, it might create jobs. First of all, Nebraska is not a depressed area like some other cities. Certainly Atlantic City had high unemployment when they brought casino gambling in. What's interesting, they still have high unemployment, as a matter of fact 14.6, while Lincoln and Omaha are, I think, about 2.3, and the entire state here is about 2.6. So those jobs that are going to come from casino gambling are jobs, right now, that are in the market and are working at other places where there is a product that is rendered, services that are rendered and sales tax and taxes paid upon those that they're going to be drawing away from. And then the last thing, for promotion of agriculture. What does that mean, for