

promotion of agriculture? Certainly I think one of the best ways to promote agriculture is to provide workers opportunities in agriculture, and then that would promote agriculture. We are sending to the voters a pig in a poke. It really doesn't say what is going to happen to these dollars. It doesn't say what the percentages are going to be. It doesn't say what the dollars are to be used for. And so to take an issue like this and put it to a vote of the people I think is wrong, because they really will not know what they're voting for. And for them to say, well, okay, go ahead and vote, we trust you, the people that I talked to, many of them, do not have trust of their government, and if anything it's a mistrust. So I would...I really have a problem with this that we're going to give this to a vote of the people and they're going to decide, when they really don't even know what they're deciding for. It's also interesting that even when we had parimutuel gambling, in 1934 that came in, that was through a petition process, a petition process. If the people of Nebraska really want to expand gambling they can also do that through a petition process. We have five of those petitions out there right now, mainly concerning taxes. And so if the people of Nebraska want to expand gambling, they can certainly do it through that process. The Legislature doesn't have to provide them for them. There's one other thing, when the Legislature puts out...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...a constitutional amendment they are, in essence, endorsing that amendment. And think about that. We don't put these things to a vote. Sometimes I even wish we could. We had 414 here that we debated for hours. Gee, let's put that to a vote of the people. We had 592 that I think we went about 8 hours on, let's put that to a vote of the people. We have a bill coming up, I think it's LB 1060, the optometrists, ophthalmologists bill, let's put that to a vote of the people. That would certainly ease my conscience a little bit, and then I don't have to make those tough decisions. We are here, we're elected representatives to represent our constituents. And we are to do what is in the best interests of them and their...and this entire state. I don't believe that 43CA is in the best interest...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.