

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator that's exactly why we have this amendment for the Gaming Commission. This Gaming Commission will regulate and decide, with the approval of this body. But that doesn't belong in the constitutional amendment to say I'm going to put one in Omaha, one in Lincoln, wherever you want to put them. That doesn't belong in this CA. That's what the amendment is for with this Gaming Commission, and they will decide. It will take it out of the political arena of this body and they'll say this is how many spots or how many locations that we actually need in this state.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, could the number of sites be a part of the constitutional amendment?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I don't think it should be part of the amendment. What would you gain by putting it in five sites or six sites? Then you would be fighting for these here sites, and you would be tied forever to five, or six, or whatever sites that you decided on.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, until the next constitutional amendment came along and...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, but why would you have to do that? I think I would put more faith in this body that they're going to say we only want five, we only want six, we only want ten, whatever that figure may be, and that's all we want. This body still controls whatever happens, Senator.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, the farmers in my district want property tax relief, too, but they don't put much faith in this body. so I'm not sure that...I'm not sure that the antigambling people or the progambling people put a lot of faith in this body either, Senator Schellpeper. And I'm concerned about, if this goes on the ballot and passes, how many casinos are we going to have in the state of Nebraska. And if we're going to have a casino on every corner in every small town of Nebraska then I can't vote for this constitutional amendment.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I don't think that's going to happen. This does not say where it's going to be. All we're saying, with this constitutional amendment, Senator, is that let the voters decide. We're not expanding gambling with this CA at all. It's hard for people to realize, as Senator Witek said,