

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Wasn't it last year that you had a bill or were promoting a bill that would have to do...putting gambling, casino gambling at racetracks?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Is that what this means, that promote gambling means we're going to take care of the horses at the racetracks?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Not necessarily. This just...that could be property tax...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, what else would be for the benefit of agriculture?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Property taxes and that (inaudible)...

SENATOR VRTISKA: But you're going to have how many casinos?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Whatever this body approves, Senator.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You know curiously I've had, obviously like a lot of people, have had a lot of calls and a lot of letters. I have one big supporter of gambling because he'd like to have a gambling casino in his place of business. Now, how can I assure him that if I vote for this bill that he's going to get that?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I guess if he could make his case to the Gaming Commission and say that this is why we need it and why it's...I have a good business, and convince the Gaming Commission, we need to get it out of the political arena where we have these casinos, if we have casinos.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But didn't you indicate that you didn't think there would be over six or eight casinos in Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I said that would be ideal, I didn't say there would only be that. I think there could be 10, 12 casinos in this state. Ideally,...

SENATOR VRTISKA: If that's the case...