

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...I think...

SENATOR VRTISKA: If that's the case then I would assume, and I could be wrong, and you correct me if I'm wrong, but if you're only talking about eight or ten, I would assume that Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Columbus, Hastings, Kearney, those are the places they're going to be. And the small communities that I come from are probably not going to have a casino because first of all, they probably couldn't afford and draw the number of people it would take to run a casino and to make it profitable. So what we're really doing again is promoting somewhat like the local option sales tax, we're going to feed the money from our poor people into the central locations where they can gamble and leave their money there and go home with empty pockets. I appreciate the fact that you said they go across the river and lose their money.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: They do.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You didn't say they go over to win money, you said to go there and lose money.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, basically, some win, some lose.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I understand that.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: But if you go back enough, I think you will probably lose some of your money. And if you looked at...

SENATOR VRTISKA: You mean you'll lose all of your money if you go often enough.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: If you bet enough, you could probably lose quite a bit of your money.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You know I had a friend that went to Las Vegas and they taught him how to play the different games. And they explained to him that all of the things that are paid for in Las Vegas are paid for by gamblers...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...and not by taxes.