

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: With extended gambling all over the country I think that the pieces are getting pretty small. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. You're looking at one of the biggest gamblers in the state of Nebraska. I gamble every day. I gamble in my business, I gamble down here, life is a gamble, life is a big gamble. I wish I was regulated a little bit. (Laughter.) To be truthful with you, I have never been to one of the casinos, whether it be an Indian casino or any of the casinos, or what do they call them, the riverboats in...across the river in Council Bluffs. Furthermore, I probably...I don't intend on going. We're going to have to probably resurface the bridges between Nebraska and Iowa because the Nebraska cars are wearing them out. I did stop, coming back from Minnesota, a couple of years ago we stopped in I think it was Red Falls, Minnesota and went to a casino there. I bought \$20 worth of chips and it took me a half an hour to get rid of that \$20. I told them, well I contributed to the Indian nation and to the state of Minnesota, thank you very much, good-bye. But you know we talk about gambling that we have in Nebraska now. We have gambling in the smoke-filled rooms, we have it in the alleys. We have no regulations over it whatsoever. It's against the law. But how many times do you see where a card game has been raided? I haven't for a long time. I remember as a young boy in my small town there was a feed store. In the back of this feed store all the gamblers would come in and play cards. That was gambling. Then in 19...what was it, Senator Schellpeper, 1934 when we passed the parimutuel betting? That was the sport of kings. And the odds at the racetrack are far less than they are at some of the casinos, I understand. There's a lot of dollars been spent. And we take it for granted in this state that that's all right. The racetrack, the horse races is all right. I haven't been there in years, don't plan on going again for a while because I never did win any money there. So what is...what is the difference? What's the difference between horse races, back room gambling, or gambling that's out in the open? I don't know. Maybe someone could tell me that there are advantages here and there are advantages on the other side. Someone told