

without a vote of the people to say we can expand into any electronic or video, you cannot do that. It's very debatable, but that is the Attorney General's opinion. Until that is actually challenged, we can't do anything in this state.

SENATOR HILGERT: So if we didn't even want to talk about casinos at all, if we didn't want to talk about any of the parade of horrors that had been brought before us, but the only thing we wanted to do was to put a few slot machines in the Legion clubs in the state of Nebraska, 43CA would be the first step. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right. You need to have a vote of the people before you can do anything.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay. Now, thank you, Senator. That's the point I wanted to make. This is the first...this has to be done before we can do anything. I've heard comments that this is a dodge, that somehow, you know, we're abdicating our responsibility letting the people vote on it. Obviously, you know, Senator Witek brought it up earlier, and other senators have. You know it is going to come back to the Legislature. This is no dodge. We're going to be the ones to decide what happens. We are the ones that are going to give the parameters to the Gaming Commission. There's no dodge at all in this. The only thing we're saying is, should the people be allowed, or will the people allow us to take that first step? To go and pursue this issue? At one extreme you could talk about, I heard six casinos. I can't imagine that Nebraska could support six casinos. But to that on one extreme, to the other extreme of just having a few slot machines at the Legion club, this is the first step. Now I don't know maybe there's some districts that don't have Legion clubs in them, that don't have VFW's,...thank you, Senator Robak, that don't have Eagles clubs. But, gosh, I'd think that most of them would. And I can't imagine that these clubs are happy about what's happening.

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SENATOR HILGERT: So when you look at this, sure, there's a parade of horrors out there. You know, sure, we can talk about all the stuff that may or may not happen. But it's going