

young people of this state, I think expanded gambling is certainly not the way to go. Senator Hilgert mentioned the situation in his Legion club. In my district there are four parishes, one of those parishes, from pickle cards and from bingo, were generating \$234,000 a year to support their school. They are very concerned that expanded gambling is going to take those dollars away and they might even have to close their school down. I think that's a real problem. We've heard that we've got all this money going across the river into Iowa, and I don't deny that. And the week before last, on Sunday, I was over in Iowa and I stopped at the two riverboats and Bluffs Run. And, yes, I counted the number of cars that were there. It was interesting, and I'll admit that probably 70 percent of them were Douglas County cars, Pottawattamia cars, or Sarpy County, and also from Lancaster County. But on the way back, driving from Bluffs Run to my home, at about 105th and Center, I counted 108 Iowa cars in Omaha. And as a matter of fact, the...I think you would find that Nebraska receives well over \$200 million a year, coming into its state from Iowa alone, in goods, services, contracts. As a matter of fact, the University of Nebraska Med Center, last year, received \$24.3 million from Iowa citizens into its Med Center, that's \$24 million coming into one entity. Children's Hospital in Omaha,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...11 percent of their admissions come from Iowa. This is money coming into this state. I used to sometimes complain about those blue plates in front of me as I was driving down the road. Now I look at each one of those and I say, thank you for being in Nebraska, thank you for shopping here. So it's not all one way. All our dollars aren't going over there, but we do receive a number of their dollars. I would rather have those dollars for goods, services that are paying sales tax than I would the gambling dollars going over there. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members. I have a few questions, since we're looking at...one of the arguments here is looking at the surrounding states and the money that's going into surrounding states. I have a little bit different approach to this probably than some others do in that I'm on the western