

Dakota, as she is alluding to here, this last...last year, the gambling was declared unconstitutional, as you are aware of, and they were using a lot of their monies to fund their general budget, which you're...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: About one-third of their...

SENATOR ENGEL: Well,...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...their state budget.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...but state budget is from gambling. In your bill here, you say it may be used for tax relief, and I think earlier you had mentioned maybe a couple of hundred million dollars a year. That's a lot of money and we can certainly use it. I guess what...then later on in the year in South Dakota when it was declared unconstitutional, they went with a period of time until the next general election not knowing whether that would be approved again, so that they could...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Right.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...rely on those funds. It kind of squeaked through. It was back, it is back there now and they are getting those funds again, but to me it's...and in my own mind as a Nebraskan, I was kind of hoping it wouldn't. We'd have been much more competitive in Nebraska because they probably would have had to come out with an income tax and sales, I mean income tax. But be that as it may, it was approved by the voters again, but I guess what scares me, and I want your opinion on this is in my own mind I don't think we should use any gambling funds of any kind to fund anything of a permanent nature because the same thing could happen to us that happened in South Dakota, and I'd just like to have your opinion on that, and then another thing, I do want to really have this issue discussed because in our area, I live in a border town, like they do in Omaha, and different areas, and there is pressures from both sides up there. Two years ago I told the people, with the race track, and so forth, the only way I'd ever support anything like this, and I think I told you, is it went out to the vote of the people, it was local option, and then I want to know what is going out before I will support anything. So that's where I'm at, that's why I want this totally discussed, but I would like an answer to that one question.