

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I would, Senator, as long as you put it for property tax and it's for the preceding year, so that you know exactly what you have, and it comes out of the state to the local government subdivision. You would know what you'd have going out, and I don't think it should all go. I think the \$200 million is a very conservative figure compared to what's bet in surrounding states currently. I think you could put that in there and still have a long left for other entities or any other political subdivisions and still be able to put that much into property tax, even if it went down a little bit. As far as the local vote, we haven't got to that amendment yet, but that will be coming up, up next. There will be a local vote, that the community, even though this is approved statewide, still could not have any gambling expansion without a local vote, and I think that's very important that you have a local vote because if you want to keep it out of your city or town, you have that local vote, even though it would be approved. But that's also coming up after this amendment.

SENATOR ENGEL: Okay, thank you. I understand it is coming up, but, like I say, I'm going to defer my judgment until it's all been totally discussed. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Cudaback, why don't you just stay here a second. You said that most people that are against this are biased. Now if your side wins, they would not be biased. I...no, I'm not asking you a question. I just wanted you to hear that. I just...your side would not be biased. I am against gambling, all of it, so there is no...I think people know that, but I would be biased but you would not be biased. I just wanted to bring that out. And people are going to say, well, we shouldn't do this, someone else, let the people vote. We can let the people vote on a lot of issues that are as important as this issue. Senator Schellpeper talks about we got to do it. The big cry is we got to do it because Iowa is doing it. Well, I know one thing, Senator Schellpeper, they've got a really well consolidated school system in Iowa, and I will bet you'd be for that. If I amended that onto this bill, I'll bet you'd be...you'd be raring to go on that one. Just a comment. But I think my district isn't any different, I'm...my people live next to the Missouri