

tool. In the first six months of their existence, the club did raise over \$36,000 for charitable causes, and then city lotteries soon...soon started calling them video slot machines, as did their opponents started calling them that, and Bellevue reported to have 160 of the machines. Each electric video lottery device in Bellevue generated about each...listen to this, each electronic video lottery device in Bellevue generated about \$17,300 per month or \$207,600 on an annualized basis, that is per lottery device. South Sioux City also successfully used the video devices with a total of...and I am going to...I am going to skip a little bit here because I fear I am running out of time because I want to get to my point here. In November of 1983...oh, the implementation of Bellevue's video lottery resulted in litigation as to its legality. In November of 1983, the Attorney General notified the Mayor of Bellevue that the video lottery violated Nebraska gambling laws and stated that the failure to end would result in proceedings by the state for an injunctive prohibiting further operations. In January of 1984, the district court held that the challenged video lotteries were lawful and legal conduct of a lottery under the provisions of Nebraska statutes. On appeal, the Supreme Court agreed that video lottery was legal. The real issue before us is one of statutory construction, and I'm going to run out of time, so I will put my light on and finish this. Although the Supreme Court determined that the Bellevue video lottery was not outside the statutory definition, the Unicameral passed LB 744 in 1984 session which required that all video lottery operations cease at midnight on December 31st, 1984. It was statutorily taken away in the 1984 session saying that all video lottery operations cease at midnight of December 31st, 1984.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR ROBAK: In 1985, legislative session saw the introduction of LB 144, which would have repealed the prohibition of all those lotteries, and it was strongly supported by citizens of the communities but it was killed on General File by a 26-23 vote. And that's just a brief history of this. So the Legislature did statutorily take away that, and then it went through two courts processes, so I kind of think the Attorney General's opinion is just a piece of paper, Senator Schellpeper. And I really think that until all the gambling bills have been heard in committee, I think we probably should bracket this bill and then come back here maybe a week from