

don't get some type of language in front of us that says we are going to allow slot machines, we are going to do this, it's going to go there. That's not what we get to do here, and I hope the public understands that's not the vote that we are discussing here. We don't have anything in front of us with all these stacks of paper that says this is what we are going to do in gambling; we are going to allow slot machines in the American Legions or the VFW and only for charitable organizations, and we are going to take those profits and put it only into charity or only into education or only for the children. That's not what we get to vote on here. What we're discussing here is a constitutional amendment that would enable the Legislature to make all these decisions at a later time, next year when we come back. So that's something that I think the voters have to understand is if we put this language on the ballot, it is a blank check, it's a blank...it's a blank paper to us. We can fill it in with whatever it says. And regardless of whether you say that we're going to discuss local option with another amendment, we don't get to discuss that first, we don't get to decide any of the parameters here. It won't be any more narrowed down. I just want people to understand when they write to me that they want a vote for expanded gambling that I don't get to vote on a specific for expanded gambling, all I would get to vote on with 43CA is whether to allow people to give me a blank check to decide, and you know, some of us might not be back. There is an election cycle in between here, so some of you same people who might be voting to send this to the people for a constitutional amendment might not be here to make these important decisions next year when they are to be made. Another point I wanted to make was...Senator, to say one more thing about what Senator Jensen brought up about younger people being involved in gambling. My own son, who is saving for a car, who is working at a local grocery store saving for his first car, well, he has a car but it's a 1977 Pontiac and he wants like a 1980 something mustang, so he knows he has got to come up with a lot more money, asked me a couple of days ago would I go out and buy him a couple of the Nebraska lottery tickets to see if he could, you know, make a quick couple of bucks here to put into the fund. You know, it's the mentality. At first we are saying it is all right to do that, and then we are saying, you know, it is hard to go work for all that money for a car. He is starting to realize that now, how much time and effort he has to put in at five bucks an hour to go save for a car. And yet to come to me and say, here, can you take a couple of dollars and go buy me