

eighteen hundred now, but we don't seem to find the money to take care of these poor souls either. We find the money to do other things, like exemptions. Ernie mentioned it, I am going to mention it again, we have no problems giving exemptions here to people who are in business, big companies. What about if you are talking about having people vote, why don't we have the people of the state vote on any more exemptions. In fact, why don't we have the people vote on all of the exemptions going back to 1972, and then let them understand that the effects of taking those exonerations away would mean that they'd be paying about 50 percent fewer property taxes than they are paying now if they own their own home or if they are a small businessperson that got no exemption. And farmers would keep about the same because they are about 50 percent, it could be about the same. They wouldn't be hurt. People that are paying no taxes would pay 50 percent of something, that wouldn't be all bad. What about if we put that on the ballot? Wouldn't that be interesting? But we won't do that, obviously. I just...I don't see Senator Landis here, but I'd like to offer a suggestion. The great arbitrator, where is he? If you are listening, Mr Landis, I'd like to suggest that we authorize you and whoever...whatever other sweet talkers you think there is in the Legislature to go with you and go over to Iowa and make a deal that if they would give back to Nebraska 50 percent of all their gross or net, whatever deals you can make, earnings from gambling, give it back to Nebraska, we will not support any other further expanded gambling in the state of Nebraska. Anybody hear that? I don't if he did or not, but think about that a minute. Wouldn't that be pretty interesting? Do you think they would? Probably not, but it would be worth a shot, wouldn't it? You know, if you can't skin the cat one way, you ought to have enough imagination to try something else, and there could be some gambling interests in Iowa who are concerned about expanded gambling in Nebraska. There could be. I am not sure who they are, but that possibility exists. My biggest concern about this whole issue, I got to share with you a parochial one, is the charitable gaming, the effect it would have on charitable gaming. I have got the Little Vikes, I've got a lot of churches, clubs in my district, not a lot but some, who, in fact, depend upon that sort of activity to help offset their losses. They don't get any exemptions either, by the way, and they might be hurt with expanded gambling, but I'm not quite sure yet. You see, that's why it's kind of foolish not to support the people's right to vote on this because I don't know,