

probably 20 times already Senator Schellpeper and even Senator Witek, and I appreciate her remarks, said we are not voting on that today, we are not talking about what kind of gambling. We are just saying that people ought to have the right to vote and it'll be determined later. It's been mentioned that we can't...we can't trust the Legislature, (laugh), and that people don't trust the Legislature. That I can sure...I really am starting to see why now, because those big interests, they convince us to vote the right way, as they see it, on tax exemptions, and whatever interests there are out there that are involved with gambling, you can throw them all in the same bucket, as far as I'm concerned. They are all interests, and don't hang your sanctimonious head on the fact that why you support, you support one set of special interest groups but not the other. Because it is good for Nebraska? I don't think so. I make this motion. I am not going to withdraw it. Let's see what happens to it, but I think we ought to continue and pursue this legislation. The big issues are gambling and taxes in the state right now. Like it or not, there is a direct relation to those. All you've got to do is look to see what kind of revenues have developed in the state of Iowa. I also made a trip over there and counted cars the other day, and somebody said that...was it the first 12 days in Iowa, there was \$65 million bet? Well, I was over there about that time and counted cars. I'm not the smartest guy in the world, so I don't really bet because I think you have to be so smart that you think you can win or so dumb that you think you can win, and so it doesn't make a heck of a lot of difference. It is sort of like this...like this constitutional amendment. We don't want to support this bill because we think that this amendment, constitutional amendment, just might pass, but then we also want to support the possibility of legislation you are going to talk about tomorrow, CAs on city-county merger and county-county merger because you think it might pass. It's interesting, isn't it? So in any case, I think it ought to be talked about, and I respectfully offer the amendment to Ernie's June, whatever it was, date because I think I'd like to start talking about this again on Monday. I'd like to talk about this tomorrow and the next day. If you want to come back Saturday and Sunday, let's talk about it. But I haven't heard any arguments here so far today that really address the issue except for some of the people that wanted to preach to the crowd about the morality of it. It is silly. It's dumb, but what we...the impression we are leaving today with this debate is the taxpayers of Nebraska,