

Senator Wickersham has two guests in the north balcony, three guests, I guess, Chadron College students and their professor. Would you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. I will read the list of speakers: Senators Janssen, Wesely, Robinson, Schellpeper, Matzke, Jensen, Lynch, Will, and Bromm. Senator Janssen, you're next.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. The other day I received a correspondence from a constituent of mine who is adamantly opposed to any other forms of gambling in the state of Nebraska and as I read the letter and got down to the bottom, he said, by the way, would you really do something about property taxes; my property taxes are too high. I don't know whether any of the revenues from expanded gambling would go to relief of property taxes. That is something that will have to be debated, but we can't have that debate unless we first have a vote of the people. Senator Jones talks about only 400 people passing a city sales tax in the town he was mentioning. Well, how many, what percentage of your constituents are writing to you or calling you as either a proponent or an opponent of 43CA? A small maj... a small percentage, small percentage of your constituents. I am sure that the people that go to the polls will be a larger percentage. So you would get a better feel of the people voting, that would vote, rather than talk to you on the street, write to you, or call you on the phone. Senator Schellpeper, could I ask you a few questions, please?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schellpeper, will you yield?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Who regulates the Indian casinos that I suppose are going to keep expanding in the state?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Nobody.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Just...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Just the Indian tribes, themselves.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...that sovereign nation, its own. And how many, how many Indian tribes or sovereign nations are there in Nebraska?