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SENATOR ROBINSON: Nebraska Keno Operators, just keeps going on and on. It really will be a great session, but I support this amendment to bracket. Now is the time to fill up the black hole. How much time do I have left, ma'am?

SENATOR CROSBY: You have about twenty seconds.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Twenty seconds, well, it's sort of hard to me to fill up twenty seconds. I hate to go onto my next issue, but, folks, think about the young people of Nebraska. We don't need this. Now is the time to get rid of it right on this issue right here. Bracket, vote positive for the bracket motion, and then we can end it, we can end it for the session and get on with something else. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Schnellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. Senator Jones, you make the ideal argument why this should pass. We have everything here right now without any benefits whatsoever. You make the perfect argument. We have it in this state right now. They are going across to South Dakota, they are going across to Iowa, and we have all these bad things going to happen in this state, but yet we get no benefit whatsoever. You make the perfect argument. Everybody that has got up and talked this morning has your head in the sand. You don't realize that it is happening in this state. Get your head out of the sand and think what's happening to this state. This state is gambling, and we are not going to keep this state from gambling. If we say nobody in Nebraska can gamble, period, if you do, we're going to shoot you, you can't gamble. That isn't going to happen. Think about what we're trying to do here. We are not trying to say everybody is going to gamble. We are just saying if they are going to gamble, let them do it in this state, so that they don't have to go to Iowa, they don't have to go to South Dakota. Let them stay in this state, and if there is any benefits, we get those benefits. Senator Robinson made some good points why this...why the people should be allowed to vote. Everybody that gets up and makes these points are exactly why they should be allowed to vote. Just stop and think about it. Those are good arguments why it should actually happen. Senator Jensen, I have got a couple of questions for you, if you would answer, please.