

no, I don't want to expand gambling, they can vote him out if that is not their wishes. So the voters really are in control. Yet, and also, we were elected to be representatives. We have a representative form of government to study, to examine, and to determine what is best for the...for our constituents. If we turn this to the vote of the people, we are, in essence, condoning it. We are saying, yes, we should expand gambling. You know, there is one thing about the gambling issue. It really is a tax issue. This is a tax bill, if you really think about it, and who are we taxing. We are, by expanding gambling, we are taxing those who can probably least afford it. There is a disproportionate amount of people that are poor that will gamble. There is a disproportionate amount of people of minorities that will gamble. And so if this Legislature decides to, yes, put it to a vote of the people, and to expand gambling, we are, in essence, taxing those who can least afford it. It was interesting that in Chicago, in the ghetto, there was a billboard advertising to buy a state lottery ticket, and it showed an individual holding up a lottery ticket on this huge billboard, and it said, your ticket out of here. Now who are they...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute

SENATOR JENSEN: ...who is that advertising geared to? It's geared to the person who...they are going to say and go buy a lottery ticket and maybe you can escape the situation that you're in, and yet they don't say that to buy that lottery ticket your chances are 10 million to one in winning. And that is really the biggest problem with gambling, is that it is not truth in advertising. They do not tell the people that the house wins, that the house, the odds are with the house, that the odds are not with the people. The 60 million dollar casinos are not built by winners. They are built by losers. You know, I'd just like to close with an individual stopped by my office yesterday and he said it is wrong for government to base its future on a game of chance. I thought that was really...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...an apropos statement. It is wrong for government to base its future on a game of chance. I will vote for the bracket moti.c.n. I hope that all of you will do likewise. Thank you, Madam President.