

of that type. That's all this would do is allow the people to give us further options down the line that, and again I return to the economic argument, that will keep those dollars in the state. Right now, we haven't given the key to the bank away, as Senator Chambers was talking about, but what we've done is the key...the key is in Iowa and other surrounding states, and they are just,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WILL: ...they are withdrawing money from the state of Nebraska. We are the bank that has no ability to tap into its own funds. I guess my final point would be that this is...Senator Jensen characterized this as a tax bill. This isn't a tax bill. This is an appropriations bill. This is a bill that says this money is being spent now and the tax is being paid. What this bill would do, if enacted by the people and, subsequently, authorized by the Legislature, would keep that money that is being spent now, that is being taxed now in the state to use for state of Nebraska purposes as opposed to other states' purposes. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Fellow Senators, I will not speak a great number of times on this issue. I didn't last year and I won't this year. It is...for some of you it is a very easy issue. I guess for me, I've made it a difficult issue I think in my mind from the standpoint that I want to be ultimately fair to the people that elected me, and I have a real concern about that, and so that weighs heavily on my mind, but I have...I have a very visceral feeling that...that embarking upon this course of expanding gambling is not the best for the future of the next generation or the future of us, for that matter, and so there is somewhat of a conflict inside of me with regard to the issue. But as I have thought about it over the summer and the fall, and as we approached the issue again this year, I will have no problems going home and facing my constituents or sleeping or explaining the vote to anyone that wants to visit about it, I will support the bracket motion. And let me just touch on some of the reasons why. I have decided that, from an economic development standpoint, the real profits to be made in the business will go out of state, for the most part. We will get just the trimmings, if you will. We will get just .