

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...women and children in the year following the introduction of casino gambling there. I could go on and on about the significant behavioral and adjustment problems that happen in the family where you have the addiction, and it happens in the families of those who have addiction to gambling, and what are the message that we are sending to our children.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I have not yet spoken to this issue and felt that it was my duty as a representative of my district. Senator Janssen talked about how many of the people have you actually heard from in your district. Well, I can tell you it's been an overwhelming number in my district that have been opposed. So I'm going to support the bracket motion and oppose LR 43CA. I think Senator Wesely talked about an economic development issue, and I just wanted to share with you a couple items that I found. It said, University of Illinois study in 1994 that the net effect of gambling was one job lost for every job gained. It really is a giant sucking sound as money is being sucked out of other businesses. Also, Louisiana said they have four years of experience with big gambling. Gambling seems to be a bad bet in Louisiana. Business is down, reads the Wall Street Journal headline in September of '95, and since gambling was instituted, clothing stores, restaurants, bars, a number of stores have shown a decline of 20 to 30 percent. And I do want to comment also about letting Nebraskans have their right to vote. I know Senator Cudaback last week said he felt it was everyone's right, but...and as has been said this morning, I don't believe it will be a level playing field. There will be millions of dollars actually, put into the campaign. I did want to ask Senator Schellpeper, is he on the floor? Just something about the cost of gambling. I believe there is a fund now, isn't there, for gambling anonymous, or...could you tell me how much money is in that fund? Okay.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: There is about \$200,000 in that from the lottery.

SENATOR STUHR: And is that being used?