

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Oh, yes.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, it is, so it is kind of an indication that we do have people that are having some problems.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's because they are going to surrounding states, and coming back to this state, so we have no way to fund that except through our lottery.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, I have another question. Of the total amount of money that might be spent on gambling, how much do you estimate would actually come back to the state?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, that, again, depends upon what the Legislature allows. We are not voting on that today, Senator. All we are talking about let people vote. We are not talking about how many machines, or where at, or anything like that. We are only talking about letting the people vote with 43CA.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, thank you. I just picked up a headline from the Iowa paper that said: Citizens have lost over \$600 million in the gaming industry. And I believe that statistics prove that for every dollar of revenue that a state might gain, three dollars is spent by the taxpayer. So, you know, those are just a couple of the concerns I have. I think Senator Robinson spoke about the children, Senator Pirsch also, and...

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SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...statistics from the National Council on Problem Gambling that children of compulsive gamblers perform poorer academically, are more susceptible to drug and alcohol abuse, and more likely to suffer from depression. So I think is this the quality of life that we want in Nebraska, and I strongly support the bracket motion, and I feel as senators we have a fiscal responsibility to oppose any progambling legislation. So, thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I'd call the question.