

to gambling joints across the border. There has been little information on how much, how much trouble expanded gambling can bring and how many other businesses it destroys. I never hear us...we worry about the racetracks, I never hear anyone talking about the small businesses that are wiped out because of Wal-Marts. There are a lot more small businesses wiped out because of that. And if you can't...if you can't sustain your business, it's the history, if you can't meet the competition, I don't think government, I don't think government should bail you out. But think about those little businesses. Any town a Wal-Mart is in,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...just go right up and down the street. South Dakota had an election, trying to repeal, trying to repeal the video slots. Seven...\$800,000 to \$88,000, \$800,000 put in by the gambling interests to defeat that issue, to defeat the repeal. They defeated it by only 17,000 votes though, only by 17,000 votes. I have an article from the West Point News, which is a city in...town in Cuming County, it's a county that Senator Schellpeper previously was the state senator. It says in the past two years we've stated our opinions about the introduction of legalized gambling in Nebraska. Our stance has been that the growth of games of chance isn't the best interest of the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Coordsen, members of the body, I haven't in the past or even this year spoken at great length on this issue but I felt I must get up and make a couple of comments. First of all I think that Senator Fisher gave me the greatest reason that I shouldn't vote for this, because I know that if this is put before the people and it should happen to pass that the argument next year is going to be, where are the casinos going to be? And he has made it very plain, as I think Senator Schellpeper has, they're going to be at the racetracks. I don't know what good that does for me. I have