

this bundle of letters here from my constituents, and I know you realize out of 32,000 people, that's not a lot, but that's how many letters I've got opposing it plus about 12 phone calls. This is the letters I've got supporting gambling, right here. When you stop and think about what you're supposed to do up here, obviously it's your duty to sort of go with the constituents' wishes. Sometimes that's difficult. But sometimes you understand that those are the people who are contacting and have strong feelings and so they send you these letters. And they tell you why it's a bad idea to put this on the ballot. But more importantly, to me, is the issue of when the issue comes up, the only person that who, in my district, has really been adamant about or for gambling, because he wants the gambling in his town. And what I'm hearing, next year the argument's going to be on the floor, where are we going to establish the gambling in Nebraska? I think Senator Schellpeper said there'd be five or six casinos. Well, if there are five or six casinos I can tell you where they'll be, they'll be at the racetracks. The only problem I have with that, and I realize racing is an industry that needs support, but I don't know why we should subsidize something that seemed to be failing. If you were running a business and you had a department that was losing money continually, eventually you'll get rid of that part of your business so that you'll have, so you don't have to continue to subsidize it. I think that's only good business practices. So this is what we're talking about here, are we going to, are we going to take the gambling money and drive it towards the racetracks so they can continue in business? I, I also agree that it's too bad that this other type of gambling has come all around us so that the racetracks are suffering. But how do you turn that around? By putting more, by putting more money into the racetracks? Or do you do it by expanding the gambling so people can, can, I guess as Senator Schellpeper said, spend more money faster? And those were his words. The only question that I have, and I don't know if it's been answered or not, but I'd just like to know how much of this money that's being done, or that's being put into gambling is going to stay in Nebraska and how much is going to go to the owners and operators of the casino. It appears to me from the testimony I've heard and the talks I've heard around the floor, the majority of it's going to go to those operators and those owners of those casinos. And we're going to get, we're going to get the spill over, whatever's left over will be for use of, as in the bill says, for a number of areas and sundry organizations who will get some