

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. Floyd, I'd be glad to put that amendment on it. I think that'd be great if we...only rich people could gamble. Everybody keeps forgetting about what 43CA is. They keep talking about we're going to put machines here, and we're going to save racetracks, we're going to do all that. That's not part of the bill. We're just saying let the people decide if they want to do that. Nobody's listening to the debate and what's happening and what's in 43CA. That's what you need to debate, not about all these other things, where we're going to have casinos at. There's no big company going to come into this state and support expansion of, of gambling because it's run by nonprofits, your cities, your counties, your nonprofit entities. Nobody's going to come in and say we're going to put \$500 million or whatever it is to make sure that, that this passes. Senator Bromm made the comment. He doesn't have to worry about that. That won't happen in this state. Gambling in this state is controlled by basically nonprofits, by small entities, by cities and counties, not Las Vegas type casino operations. That won't happen in this state unless this body would want to get into that. But I don't think that's going to be possible the way everybody is commenting about where we're headed this morning. Senator Pirsch stated that we, we have dog racing. I didn't realize that we had dog racing in this state. I thought...maybe we had some expansion of gambling that I didn't know about. When the casinos and the riverboats opened in Council Bluffs, they stated publicly we're going to target west Omaha people, Sarpy County people, that's where we're going to target. Now doesn't that really make sense that that's where they're going, to the people that are wealthy? That takes care of Floyd's concern. They're not targeting south Omaha, they're targeting west Omaha people, where they have the dollars to spend. But those are not coming back to Nebraska. That's going to Iowa. I just can't see what everybody is thinking about here this morning. Everybody gets up and wants to talk about how, why I'm going to do this, because they're worried about when they go back home what people are going to say to them. Nobody ever got into any problem by going back to their district and said, I voted to put it on the ballot for you, let you decide. I decided it's an issue that you should decide. You don't get into trouble doing that, so why not let the people decide rather than say I'm going to