

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Coordsen and members of the body. I just wanted to comment on a conversation that I heard between Senator Janssen, I believe, and Senator Schellepeper earlier this morning about the number of dollars from gambling that would go into Gamblers Anonymous Fund. If you're talking about the gaming that takes place, the Native American casinos, we have no, we have no claim to any of that money. That is strictly theirs. We get none of that, unless they would negotiate with us and give us some of that. But we won't get any of that money, that belongs to them. They're a sovereign nation, they can do with that as they wish. That is not ours. The other point I was going to make is that maybe there was a little divine message sent to us in Nebraska with that earthquake up there in Creighton this morning because they started their gambling casino in Knox County a couple days ago. Maybe there was a little bit of a message for us, folks. I want to remind you of something that Dwight David Eisenhower said. He said that a people who value their privileges over their principles soon loses both. Thank you.

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

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I guess I have a few more minutes now here to refresh my memory on what I just talked about. As I said before, we took a percentage, a count in my district, and it was 90 percent for and 10 against. I heard Senator Bromm's rationale for not voting...liking this bill and it kind of surprises me because Senator Bromm and I do share the same the area. And, in fact, I think his, his district does encompass the racetrack there. So I thought that was a bit interesting. I really don't gamble myself. I never thought I was smart enough to gamble. I just didn't think that, I mean I didn't think I had the brains to play against a computer. I thought it just took somebody a little bit more brilliant to play against a computer. So I really don't gamble. And, you know, the slot, my arm got kind of tired in Las Vegas, so I don't gamble. But I really do think that if we save our ailing racetrack industry in this state that we have to consider that plus the fact that we must let the voters decide. I think that the issue here is that the voters are going to be the ones to get it, get a chance to vote on this. And then as Senator Schellepeper said, that then we'll come back and look at it. I really didn't intend to talk this