

its current form, but I think it is important that we have a good discussion relative to this issue. I think the people in the state of Nebraska expect us to debate and deliberate the issue that's before us and not necessarily slam dunk it like it was, like it was last year. As I pointed out the other morning, part of my concern relative to the way LR 43CA is in its current form is it's so wide open, it's, in essence, unlimited. Hopefully if we can work through this bracket motion we can, we can actually discuss the merits of the particular constitutional amendment that's before us. However, I don't want anybody to think that I don't think that the general discussion that we've had this morning has been a waste of time by any means. I think it's important. My whole point in rising this morning is, is merely to say that I would hate to see us shut off discussion, delay this, this discussion. I think we ought to work through this so that the citizens of this state know that we've looked at this in an appropriate fashion and have not just taken a knee-jerk reaction to the issues that might be important to them. So with that, Mr. President, Senator Janssen, if you would like the balance of my time, you are more than entitled to it.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Members of the body, thank you, Senator Maurstad. It just came to me a little bit ago that prior to, prior to the 1980's we had been valuing ag land differently than urban land. The Supreme Court said that that was unconstitutional because it was not in the constitution. So a constitutional amendment was put on the ballot to allow us to value ag land differently than other land. Remember, that was put on the ballot. People voted for it. So I remind my colleagues where we would be today if that was, if the people were not given a chance to vote on that very important issue. And the, Senator Schrock, if you're here next year, say this, the bracket motion is killed and we advance 43CA. You will be fortunate enough next year to defend those ideas that you have and get them put into the bill that regulates what type of gambling we have, where it will be, and so on and so forth. The issue today is whether the people will be given the right to vote at the polling place, whether they want it or not. And I think that you would probably find that you're going to get a...because it would be on the ballot, you're going to have a lot of people voting. Maybe we'll have one of the largest turnouts we've ever had. Then you will really see how people feel. Thank you, Senator Maurstad, for giving me your time. I