

that we would put on the ballot, that would say, people in Nebraska, we trust you to indicate whether you would like the Legislature to have the option of giving you these types of gambling activities. That's what this does. This takes...and the reason we do that is because there is, a constitutional amendment is necessary, it's necessary for us to put that in front of the voters if they are to have that choice in this state. So for that reason, I think, it is, again, important to take a step back and realize that at some point we have to tell the citizens of the state that we trust them, we trust their ability to make decisions as to what activities they desire to partake in and knowing that virtually every activity that we legalize there are going to be people that can't handle that, that will have problems with it. That's part of the cost of a free society, frankly, and that's something that I'm willing to put up with. And if the people of my district and the people of the rest of the state of Nebraska desire to pass LR 43, then that's something the Legislature should address. They do deserve the right to vote on it. I trust the, my constituents enough to put something like this in front of them, allow them to vote on it, and to tell the Legislature where they are with respect to whatever issue it is we put in front of them. If they vote it down, fine. The question's gone. The question's gone. We don't have to worry about it. If they adopt it, then we come back and craft what we believe to be a responsible addressing of whatever the final contents of LR 43 end up being. And, in fact,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WILL: ...at that point, if we want to, we don't have to pass anything at all. We're simply authorized to. With that, Senator Hilgert, if you have further thoughts, go ahead.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: You have about 45 seconds.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you very much. There is a club out in west Omaha that is real, fairly new. They are still in debt, it's a Legion club. They have anticipated that there would be some income to that club. I was out there in Senator Witek's