

Schellpeper, would you like the rest of my time?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator, several senators have made the comment this morning that they're worried about what's going to happen next year. Some of the senators that are supportive of the bracket said, well, we're getting into all these things that we really shouldn't. In other words, what they're saying is if you put it on the ballot, it will probably pass. And that's what they're, they're worried about. So that means the people in your district support it. Why not let them have that right? If you're, if you think that it's going to be defeated at the ballot, then you ought to put it on the ballot. If you think people in your district are so opposed to expanded gambling in this state, put it on the ballot, let them decide. But I think down deep, everyone knows that it will probably pass this state. I've had several people from my old district, West Point, Wisner, come up and say, why don't you put it on the ballot? Our senator won't do it. I said, well, because I think it needs to be there. And it does. But they want that right. You are going to hear from the opposition because there's organized opposition. There's no organized people out there that are saying put this, we want expanded gambling. You have a few of the racetracks that are...and some of the other entities that are maybe saying, well, we would like to have expanded gambling, but not really concentrated efforts. The lobbyists are back there working it. Somebody before mentioned that they're getting four hundred and some thousand dollars. That's not for just lobbying this bill. That's for the, everything else that those, those companies do. But I think, down deep, the ones that are in opposition to 43CA know that it will pass the voters. And I don't have any idea.

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I've seen some polls both ways. But I think the people deserve that right. We're not deciding today if it's going to be, if we'll have machines at Ak-Sar-Ben or whatever it is. But even if you want to help your, your VFWs or Legion clubs, you need to have it on the ballot, let people decide so you can have video machines. We don't have to have full-scale casinos. All we need is to, to move into these other forms of advanced keno or advanced pickles or something like