

close to my district. But nonetheless, it's still a question of, is this good policy? I guess addressing "myselfes" . . . or "myselfes," myself to those of you who were here in 1987-88, when the brewpub . . . the first brouhaha over brewpubs erupted, that to think back . . . to think back if this is keeping in faith with what you were told at that time. How many of you who were here then said, it's just restaurants and they're . . . that's fine, I'm sure it's economic development at that point to help bring a few more people into the restaurants. But at that point there was concern among the beer and spirit manufacturers and the beer and spirit wholesalers and the beer and spirit retailers about is this . . . are we starting that erosion. Here we are, whatever it is, eight years later, where we're certainly speeding that erosion. And is that . . . when you first voted for that, when you first listened to what the brewpubs said, which was we're just restaurants, then I think that you do have to have some concern about whether this is keeping in faith with what you were told at that time. They have a . . . I do want to talk a little about the competition that we hear about. We hear about the competition from beer coming in from other states, whether it be brewpubs or manufacturers, whatever. We hear about obviously brew that would be or would have been brewed in this state by a manufacturer of beer, whether that's the competition. Folks, we've been told these are restaurants, these are restaurants, these are not breweries. And if they are restaurants, why are they concerned about competition from another brewer in another state? It's because they're brewers, they just don't want to get a brewer's license. And they don't want to get a brewer's license because then they got to shut their restaurant, like other manufacturers have to do. And I understand that this is a new niche or a new wave and you should be getting around, as I mentioned, we're a conservative state. Part of being conservative tells you look to see what other people do, hopefully not to repeat their mistakes some years after they've repeated them, hopefully to learn from their mistakes and let them make the mistakes, and we just simply come back and not do something where they have made that mistake.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Other states, Colorado . . . Colorado and Washington, which I think are the leaders, I think Colorado has over 60 brewpubs, from what I understand, they're already backing off of it. And yet a conservative state like Nebraska