

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

April 10, 2000 LB 659

that parents who have kids that they don't want to gamble would provide a lesson for them and be the kind of parents that would encourage them not to do that sort of thing. It's just like smoking. We're going to spend a hundred and twenty-some million dollars to try to train kids not to smoke? I think that a parent, as terrible as it might sound, that whomp the kid up beside the head or kick them in the fanny and tell them they better not smoke when they're in that house or even bring them in would do a hell of a lot more good. But that isn't politically correct, is it? No, but it would work. It would work, (inaudible). That same thing is true when it applies to gambling or any other thing you don't want your kids to do. Don't blame it on society because they wind up with these bad habits. If they're yours and they're at home with you, you better make sure that you teach them those kinds of values. And the absence of these kinds of devices doesn't necessarily mean that they won't get the habit at some time in their life and at a later time in their life because as they grow older, of course, they're not going to be under your wings as much as you would like them to be. I've seen...I was on an elevator, I was in a floor...twenty-first floor of a hotel, and it wasn't in Las Vegas, by the way, it was in Utah, interestingly enough, and one fellow said to the other one, I'll bet you five bucks that the number three elevator gets here before the number two elevator. I should have arrested those people right there in a hotel. Some people just think that way. This bill doesn't change that. Those people that think in those terms are going to continue to exist. Certainly we should not encourage anybody, but on the other hand, simply because we live next door to those very professional operations and those very professional operations don't want any competition. I got to remind...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...you of that, and will spend literally thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of dollars keeping the competition away. I can't help but think that that could be happening in this case, too, with the exception of Jim Jensen, like I said, who I think honestly believes in everything he says even though I may disagree with it. So, ladies and gentlemen, let's give Nebraskans a chance. Let's give charities a chance