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card into an automatic paperless machine, or whatever it is. But ever since we allowed bingo and then keno, and every year from this point on there will be a bill, at least one, several, to expand gambling. And if you want to spend a lot of time with...or think you spend a lot of time with lobbyists now, wait till this bill is passed and think of the amount of time that you're going to spend with lobbyists after that because that will be the power within this state. The reason that so many people, I believe, signed the initiative petition was deception. What was that deception? There were people, solicitors, paid solicitors by the way, not grass root, paid solicitors that had on yellow T-shirts that said, lower your property taxes, sign here. What a deception. And I don't think, however, we, in this body, want to be deceived that, number one, if we have casino gambling in here that our taxes are going to go down. Just think about Council Bluffs, the city that's referred to so many times. Remember last year, Council Bluffs increased their property taxes 4 1/2 percent. They raised their sales tax. This year Mayor Hanafan has already come out and said he needs to raise taxes again. So what has it done? Has it...has casinos in Council Bluffs lowered taxes over there? It's increased taxes. So we need to think about that, just a little bit about, first of all, where is the money going? Now in either this bill or in Senator Janssen's bill, there is no designation about where the money goes. We have states in the United States that receive anywhere from 6 percent, I believe, to about 30 percent tax proceeds from casino gambling. Where is Nebraska in there? Is there anything in this bill, is there anything in the next bill that's going to say what the breakout is going to be, where the dollars are going to be? We fight tooth and nail in this body over dollars and cents. There have been bills, many of them, this year already that have been presented to committees that again have been...had that tag on there, death by fiscal note, that because we want to know where the dollars are going to go, and we're already cutting various other items, but we need to know. What is going to be the take for the state, for the communities, for the counties? Where is it going to go? I cannot vote for any bill without knowing where the dollars are going to go. And to discuss a bill like this without knowing where the taxes are going to come from, where they're going to be spent, I think is wrong. And we need