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include, one, jobs. The three casinos provide 3,200 jobs for area residents, and pay nearly \$80 million in salary and benefits. Gaming supports thousands of additional jobs through utilization of local vendors, who provide goods and services to the casinos. Property taxes--the casinos constitute approximately 6.2 percent of the city's total assessed property valuations, and pay more than \$5 million annually in property taxes. Third, gaming taxes--since 1996, the city and the county have received nearly \$17.5 million in gaming taxes. Four, lodging taxes--in 2001, the city received more than \$650,000 in lodging taxes from casino-owned hotels. In addition, nearby hotels generated an additional \$650,000 from gaming-related stays. And, finally, quality of life--since 1996, more than...

SENATOR HARTNETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...\$82 million in projects, programs and services have been funded by gambling funds; and it talks about to education, \$17 million; home/community, \$16.5 million; public safety, \$7 million; social programs, \$4 million; economic development, \$7.5 million; public facilities, \$6 million; and quality of life, \$24 million. These are figures from the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce. Now I don't know, it's fine to talk about what will be and what could be, but I think you also have to do case studies and look at what has actually happened in communities where they have allowed the casino gaming. Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Aguilar and Kremer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, for those who may not know, the house always wins, always. The racetrack always wins. They do not sell horses. They use the money of the losers, who are in the vast majority, to give peanuts and chicken feed to the few suckers who will be allowed to win for the purpose of priming the pump. You can put on one side 5,000 people who lost outright. You can put in the middle 30 people who broke even, but they call that winning because they lost some races, they won a few, and they only look at the ones where they won and don't realize that they...it's a wash.