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SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I was quite intrigued when I listened to Senator Chambers awhile ago talking about the winners and losers in gambling, and how in his opinion many people lose more than they win. And I think probably he's undoubtedly correct. I just wanted to relate a story I thought was of interest to some of you, and it addresses that very issue. I had a friend who served in Vietnam. And when he came home, he had not ever been experienced gambling, so he went to Las Vegas for a little R and R. And was wandering around the casino one day, just watching the people and enjoying himself, when a gentleman came up to him and asked him if he understood the issues of gambling. And he said, no, he didn't. He didn't really know anything about it. He said, well, you know, we have a room in this casino where you can go to where we have teachers who will teach you how to gamble for your benefit, where you can...your chances of winning are better...are greater than losing, if you understand the process. And it's free. And we serve food and drinks. And if you'd like to go there, you can. So, not having anything else to do, he did. He went there, and he said, the first thing, a lady came out and said, I'm the one...there were a number of people in the room...I'm the one that's going to teach you something about gambling. But first I want you to look down the street and look at all those beautiful sights and all the beautiful lights and everything here in Las Vegas. You pay for those. Your money helped pay for those. And we appreciate it. We want you to know that. Secondly, I want to tell you very distinctly, if you win any money, take it and go home. And he said, I looked at her for a minute, and some of us were kind of shocked. And somebody said, well, why would you say that? She said, well, I work for this casino, but there's psychology involved in gambling. You take your win and you go home, you tell all your friends how much you won, they're going to come out and want to gamble. If you lose, you're not going to tell anybody. So there's a psychology between winners and losers in the game of gambling. I've never supported gambling. All of you know that. I know this is a difficult, emotional issue for many of us, simply because I have friends telling me, why don't you let us vote on it? Why do you want...why are 49 of you people smarter than the people in this state? And I accept that. And incidentally, we can't...obviously, we