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South Dakota, effectively. And I don't think that that is what we want. And so obviously, LR 14CA, whether FA1469 is adopted or not, it will not head in that direction. But I think even eliminating the "eight" and the certainty of one is certainly more understandable to the voters and can help focus the issue to the factors to be considered. Let's assume that everything passes. Then what does the Legislature do? As we discussed yesterday, the Legislature would follow up with what we call a trailer bill, perhaps. And so at that time that would give the opportunity for the members in here who have said they want the people to vote on casino gambling, on slot machine gambling, on roulette gambling and otherwise to be in Nebraska, let...if they want to let the voters decide, certainly the voters may adopt an amendment that says Nebraska may engage in casino gambling, not that Nebraska must. And I want that to be very clear that enabling language is far different than mandatory language. And I don't want something to come about such as this. Let's say that this would pass on the ballot next year, and then we have members coming in with trailer bills saying, the voters said we must do this. No, this is enabling language. And I have a feeling that there might be some misunderstandings along the way about the language. And what highlights that is what I believe there to be a misunderstanding relating to the lottery. Number one, that misunderstanding was first that the lottery would lower our taxes in Nebraska, which it hasn't. But number two,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...there are constituency groups that were created through the lottery that said that they're guaranteed in the constitution to receive that money. That's not true. That is not true. Now, there were certain advertisements purchased and distributed across Nebraska when the lottery was being promoted. But certainly the constituency groups that supported that were not guaranteed funding in the constitution, and I think that is needing to be emphasized this time around, but even more so emphasize that the expansion of gambling when the lottery was brought on board did not lead to lowering of taxes in Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.