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I could watch what was going on. Thousands, thousands of people would be there every race day. And when Ak-Sar-Ben would close, they'd move to Columbus, then to Madison, then to Sioux City. The whole season was taken up by horse racing. And I look at the things that Ak-Sar-Ben did, especially for the 4-H clubs throughout this state, the rescue squad vehicles that they purchased for fire departments, the kids they gave scholarships to, to go to school, the 4-H calves that they would buy or see to that got sold for a big premium. I think Senator Bromm can relate to that, what Ak-Sar-Ben did for 4-H. But that came from gambling, folks. It came from gambling. We've had gambling in this state for years. Never had much control over it. That's why I think it's time that this Legislature asks your constituents, do you want to have expanded gambling in this state? Do you want to have it? It's a constitutional amendment that would allow your constituents to impose upon themselves this type of gaming. It's nothing new. It's nothing new, folks. We are surrounded by it. And I agree with Senator Schimek. Four years ago we had...we looked at the Native Americans in this state. They had...the one I can relate to is the one, I think it's the Santee Sioux tribe had a little...it was like two double garages stuck together or maybe three, and going up there and visiting that tribe. There were several of us who went. We had some hearings on other matters at the reservation. We drove over to that casino. I can remember one little old lady sitting at a slot machine. Maybe I've told you this story before, but I think you should hear it again. She was sitting there, and she said, where are you folks from? I said, well, we're from Lincoln. We're with the Legislature. She said, you're not going to take my fun away, are you? She had a roll of nickels in her hand.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: And she was playing this slot machine with that roll of nickels. I said, how often do you come over here? Oh, she said, about twice a week. I said, why don't you play the dollar machines? She said, I don't like to; I come here for the fun. She said, I can afford to lose \$4 or \$6 a day in these slot machines. But she said, I come over here and I play the slot machines and I eat the buffalo burgers that they serve.