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activity. As a matter of fact, playing poker is recognized as a skill, by law, in a number of states, California being one of them, where they have poker parlors. A lottery, on the other hand, takes the money of people who buy tickets and the chances of a particular ticket holder winning anything in the lottery, Powerball here in Nebraska, are so enormous that it's very, very difficult to contemplate it. I mean, if you start contemplating the odds, which I understand in Powerball now, and I don't have a precise figure, I was told it was 115 million to 157 million to 1, and I'm not a sufficiently apt mathematician to figure that out myself. It would be a permutation of how every many numbers you're allowed to pick twice, because Powerball enormously increases your chances of losing. So when someone goes in and buys the same numbers again and again and again, he's throwing...he's literally throwing his money away. The father of a friend of mine in Chicago has been playing the same numbers for decades, and he has never won a thing, not one thing. He has been paying this voluntary tax. And I ask him, don't you get tired of that? Well, but it...at least I'm...I do stand...I stand a chance. That is about as dumb an attitude as is portrayed on these signs, paid for by the contributions, that you see--you can't win if you don't play.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: And the clown that's saying that has "Fate" written across. It isn't fate. It's stupidity, people. If we want to fund the State Fair, we can do it from the lottery by statute right now, but we'd have to have enough votes to introduce a bill in this session. But they are spending \$3.2 million, that's based on 4 percent of the handle, \$3.2 million advertising to induce people to do this stupidity. Now, a lot of these people evidently are self-starters and they don't need it. Pass a law, take the \$2 million, give it to the State Fair, if that's who you want to give it to, and leave the constitution alone.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you.