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come down to catch up on the A bill. So ...

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to speak.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ... I will say more than I want to say, tell you more than I know, all those kind of things here, because we're trying to wait for the A bill...the amendment to come down on the A bill that will reflect what we're actually doing here. I really wanted to spend just a little time, though, on the top ten states' advertising as a percentage of total lottery revenue that Senator McDonald passed out, and if you look at that sheet, Nebraska leads, and that, to me, is a very unfortunate circumstance in that we're spending 3.6 percent of our total revenue on advertising as compared to other states. We lead. Ohio comes in second with 3 percent of We lead the nation. total revenue; Iowa comes in third at 2.9, and obviously that's right across the river from us and even they are not spending as much on advertising as the state of Nebraska is. Idaho, 2.7, which kind of surprises me out there; Arizona, 2.6 percent of total revenue; Louisiana is sixth at 2.2 percent of total revenue: Montana is seventh at 1.7 of total revenue; Pennsylvania is eighth, 1.63; ninth is Florida, 1.6 percent; tenth is Virginia at 1.5. So it shows you where Nebraska has extensively spent...or spent a lot of money on advertising and we are ending up paying the piper as we try to do something about the gamblers that are getting in trouble, that as Senator Howard made some very good points. The average percentage of all states with lotteries is only 1.38 percent, which means Nebraska's percentage of lottery revenues is 2.6 times higher than the average. So we are, once...we are, in this particular instance, in an area that I think we should not be necessarily proud of, and I'd like to send a message to the gaming commission that we are going to be looking at this, and it shows, once again, as happens when there is not as much oversight, at least I think, over a particular commission, in this case, as there should be. With that, Mr. President, I will cease, and if you want to call me (inaudible) again, we'll probably have something coming on the A bill in just a short time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Combs.