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adoption of the committee amendment which strictly regulates what these machines can do relative to speed and number of races you can watch and all of that, bring up what would be legal under the...bring up here to Nebraska what would be legal under the provisions of the committee amendment. And they actually had the machine here in the building for a day or two and it's not the machines that are pictured in your handout. So I guess perhaps this isn't a question. I'll let you respond except, Senator Jensen, these machines are not what I have been exposed to that would be allowable under the provisions of the General Affairs Committee amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, and if I'm wrong, I'll certainly admit to that. But it would seem to me that we should at least know what we're voting on then, and we really do not know. I pulled this up on the Internet. If it's the incorrect item, I'd apologize and ask that the members drop that into their basket underneath their desk. But we really should know what we are talking about then, and I don't think any of us do know.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Jensen, I absolutely agree with you. And what the industry, the quarter horse and thoroughbred industry, has presented to me is not represented in your picture. So I appreciate the fact that you may recognize that we're talking about different machinery here as reflective of the General Affairs Committee amendment. And this idea of attempting to restrict our citizens from access to gaming, one of the purposes of bringing the bill, quite frankly, has been the competition within our state for the gaming dollar. And then you bring our neighboring states and what they have done relative to competition for Nebraska citizens' gaming dollars. There's a new casino over in Council Bluffs, I started talking about this last time, which did a \$60 million renovation and rehabilitation to their casino. And I would suspect that a large portion of them rehabilitation, reconstruction dollars came from Nebraska residents and Nebraska citizens. You know, from Senator Jensen's district,...

SENATOR ENGEL: One minute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...from my district, I can get to a casino