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colleagues about the fact that laws are on the books to protect consumers when they make purchases. Why should we say that grown people who ought to have sense enough to inspect something before they spend their money on it should be protected against dishonest merchants? Dishonesty is all around us, but nevertheless there are those kind of laws. We constantly hear of legislation to protect old people from being those kind of fools that only old people can be. There's no fool like an old But we have laws to protect them. Rather than pass laws to give assistance to some of our brothers and sisters who we know are plagued with a weakness, we as a state vote to present more things to them that will take advantage of that weakness in order to line the pockets of others. We, in order to create profit for one group on the right hand, are going to do something to hurt these people that we know have a problem, who are resting on the left hand. That is not wise. It is not acceptable. At some point this Legislature should do something at no cost to itself which is done because it's right. We don't need a proliferation of this type of gambling or any other kind, but this is the worst kind of all. If you look at that pink slip and see how quickly and by what an amount the take is projected to be year upon year, and you know it's coming out of the pocket of people who many times are addicted and can't help themselves, that should give you pause. If it started out on the pink slip saying they're taking \$3 million the first year, \$1 million the next year, \$500,000 the third year, then they're out of business, you could say, well, maybe I'll go for that. Because that would mean at the outstart there was an allure about this and people jumped into it, but they came to their senses, woke up and the threat was gone. But, no, they know how addiction works and they know that people, when they go home, are not going to have the milk money, the bread money, the car payment, the rental note...the rent note, the fuel money. We know that. And if we don't know it, we shouldn't have voted that money that Senator McDonald tried to get from us to help these compulsive gamblers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It shouldn't be hard to kill this bill. It's of no value whatsoever, not even Nebraska values that