

the lottery and I would just say that I echo, not only his thoughts but my own that I really feel that this kind of gambling, any kind of gambling is morally wrong. I would say the same thing about horse racing as far as I am concerned but I do want to call your attention to an item that I passed out for you from The Grand Island Independent yesterday where the editor says it is time for a big no. Now one of the areas in which he very carefully distinguishes between the lottery and horse racing is in the second column and I'd suggest that those of you who think that because we have horse racing we ought to have lotteries, that you read that article and read that item and see the difference between horse racing and lotteries. Thirdly, I have placed at your desks this morning the case against a lottery. I think you will find there are thirteen sound arguments in opposition to a lottery. My own personal opinion is that if we allow this thing to continue in this state we will be known as the second Las Vegas in this country and I don't believe that is the kind of a state we want to represent. I don't believe that is the place where we want to raise our children and I just would plead with you to understand that if we continue the road we are going, what we will eventually have is a bunch of "gambleholics" in this state that you and I will be financing to try to cure just as we are doing that right now with alcohol. I noticed in our committee the other day there is an amount in there for \$3.5 million for alcohol education. Why? Because we have alcoholics in this state. Our alcoholics have increased in the last five years 111 percent in this state. Any of us who think that this will not cause a real problem among the poor, a real problem even among the middle income group have got another guess coming. There will be all kinds of people who will be willing to mortgage their cars, mortgage their furniture and a lot of other things in order to play the slot machine because they have become a "gambleholic". So I would urge each member of this Legislature to support LB 744 this morning.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I agree with nearly everything that has been said. I guess I think back on my