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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So...but then when you say, does that mean that every state statute that pertains to keno and every city ordinance that pertains to their keno operation has to remain exactly the same until the year 2001? Is that what "in the manner" it's currently operated, is that what that means?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, I don't...I don't think that's...that's not what the intent is. The intent is that they cannot...that they wouldn't fall under the Gaming Commission until the regulation and the expansion of any gambling until the year 2001. And that was a year that was basically...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...kind of grabbed out of the air.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Would like to recognize guests of Senator Dwite Pedersen, in the north balcony we have 70 high school students from Elkhorn High School along with their teachers. (Introduced teachers.) If you could all stand and be recognized, please. Mr. Clerk, some items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Enrollment and...or Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 469 and LB 584 as correctly engrossed. Government Committee reports LB 1011, General File; LB 1094, General File; LB 1111, indefinitely postponed. Hearing notices from the General Affairs Committee and from Natural Resources. And Senator Kristensen would like to withdraw LB 1307, that will be laid over, Mr. President. That's all that I have, thank you. (See pages 663-64 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I really appreciate Senator Jensen's concern, because I think there's a lot of people that have those same concerns. But to say to the people of this state that we're not going to expand into any form of gambling that we don't have right now really is not realistic, because we have gambling in Omaha right now. When you can drive across the river, five minutes, be in Council Bluffs, be into three casinos, you have it in Omaha right now. So the people from this state are going across the river, they're spending money in Iowa, they're losing money in Iowa,