

SENATOR DE CAMP: On this particular issue I think that it would probably be about the most germane thing that you could find. It is a lottery vote on a lottery bill.

SPEAKER: The Chair would have to agree that it is germane to the bill. You are not injecting any kind of entirely new issue here. As I understand you, you are simply asking to amend the bill so that it can be put to a vote of the people.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes sir.

SPEAKER: If the body desires to dispose of that right now, it is agreeable with the Chair. I do believe that you should get your amendment properly written out. When you get your amendment written out it is going to be just the same as the bill, is that right?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Word for word.

SPEAKER: All right, the Chair rules that for better or for worse, that the amendment is germane and that he can offer it in that fashion, so the situation now is that Senator DeCamp has offered an amendment to his bill and lets go from there. We have several lights asking for the floor. First Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, fellow members, I think that this is another piece of legislation where we are spinning our wheels. I am almost sure that the people of the state of Nebraska don't want to go into the gambling business. It isn't our character in Nebraska to do that. When the state becomes a gambling operator with a lottery there are many principles of government that have to change. We are telling our children and we are telling everyone that gambling is OK. I don't think that the average citizen of Nebraska would recommend anyone to gamble, that is for say, gambling. Of course I happen to be very much against any form of gambling. For good reasons. Now as far as the need for this particular legislation I have not had one letter outside of Senator DeCamps asking for or a lottery system. None. I will say that I have had some letters from some of the folks who sell the machines which is a selfish interest, and they would like to have lotteries to sell the machines and keep the numbers straight. I am just sure that no one has asked for this as far as I am concerned but Senator DeCamp for this lottery. I don't think that we should put up a constitutional amendment spend 10-15 thousand dollars putting something before the people if they haven't asked for it. So why do we sit here and spin our wheels and spend the tax payers money with something that they don't want.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the body, as elected representatives for the state of Nebraska these decisions should be made in the legislature. However the tremendously emotional fire that is being generated by the potential lottery bill it would cause me to support this amendment to have what Senator Nore is asking, an expression of the people that he is convinced that they do not want a lottery. Senator DeCamp is convinced that they do want a lottery. WE have horse racing and the board of trade, maybe we don't or rather maybe we do want a lottery. I would support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Question is the DeCamp amendment to the DeCamp bill. The amendment is to put the