

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, I guess this is the minute everybody has been awaiting. This is the minute we get to decide whether the World Herald and Senator Hoagland's bill will become a success or a failure, and to expedite things and I have talked to different people, the Chairman of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, and kind of a mutual agreement that we will get through the amendments real fast and go right to the heart of the matter whether or not this bill is going to be killed right away or it is going to be advanced. And there has been a lot of discussion about this bill. There has been a lot of people have been notified, contacted, and put under a lot of undue early pressure before we really have had a chance to look at this bill to see what is different with what the bill says now than what versus we had before, last year before 744 came into place which there is considerable difference. There also hasn't been an opportunity for a lot of people to realize that the State of Iowa has legalized video lotteries. They don't realize the State of Montana has legalized video lotteries, and probably within the next five years all the surrounding states around Nebraska will legalize in some form video lotteries. As in response to a Supreme Court ruling that came down last week, they have verified that video lotteries are a form of lottery. It is one thing I think we are going to have to deal with sometime in the future and I think presently the time is right, the time is now. I think Nebraska should take that step forward on the guise if you want to call it property tax relief which has been substantial in the communities that had it before or under the guise of income for the State of Nebraska which presently right now we derive a large sum of money from parimutuel and bingo and pickle cards. I think this is the time for us to take that step forward and forget about what a few newspapers in the State of Nebraska say and come forth in the 21st Century. I am willing to listen to debate now on this if there is any.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Thank you, Senator Pappas. The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 144. The Chair recognizes Senator Lapedz and then Senator Beutler.

SENATOR LAPEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, naturally I will stand up and say I strongly oppose Senator Pappas's motion