

allow electronic lotteries to operate in this state. Now I know there is many of you have told me that you don't like to operate state or local government with money derived from video machines. I, for one, cannot understand where the difference is, and I would like to compare it to something that we just did the other day or discussed and debated. It is okay to drink wine and beer on Sunday but it is not right to drink alcohol on Sunday. I think eventually we might come to the point where we are going to say it is okay to smoke marijuana but it is not okay to...the use of cocaine or any other hard drugs.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I just want it thoroughly understood that we are not consistent in our voting when we can say, and how many of you voted, and I don't have the record of that, on the Ak-Sar-Ben tax the other day. It is okay to take \$9 million to operate state government or to send some of that money back to local governments through state aid, but it is absolutely sinful to legitimize a business that just the Supreme Court the other day said was constitutional. If the Supreme Court says it is constitutional, the people several years ago said they wanted bingo, they wanted pickles, they wanted gambling in this state, we got it. Why should we say that the video machine is any different than a paper lottery. Now I would like to say one more thing, I got a call the other day and it is very interesting. It was from a very prominent fraternal organization that has buildings throughout this state. Many of you have them in your small towns. There happens to be one in Omaha, too, and he said, "Bernice, I don't want you to vote for the video lotteries." And I said, "Why? I am doing this because you will be able to have the machines in your organization and you will be able to raise some funds and I thought this is what you wanted. You wanted raffles, you wanted pickles, you wanted bingo, you got all that. Why would you say you don't want video machines?" And he said, and I will just take a second, "We got four machines in our building now. We have two blackjack and we have two poker game machines in our clubhouse right now. If you legitimize this, if you legalize it," and I shouldn't say legalize, because as far as the Constitution is concerned, it is legal, "we will have to pay a license fee and we will have to pay five percent tax and that is going to cut into our profits." Now you can't tell me that isn't being done all