

issue of the University, but for just that little magic moment it got the adrenaline flowing and, shoot, we cut the University just like that. Ah, they got their \$6 million back when everybody got their reason back, but my point is sometimes you can say things in here that don't deal with the issue at all and win on them and I think maybe that's what has been going on a little bit on this issue. We're talking about gambling and how it's good or bad or evil. We're talking about inability of humans to control their emotions, on and on. I am not sure those are the two issues we should be dealing with. I think we should be dealing with the issue of how you treat video lotteries because you see video lotteries exist and apparently are going to exist in the state. When they were at their peak when we were legal in all the places in the state, there were 600 machines I think, 615 or so. Right now, I promise if you want to check it out, I don't know how you'd do it but the people that are involved in the business can tell you, there are about 4 to 5,000 illegal machines out there, video lottery machines. So the issue really isn't whether gambling is good or bad or whether video lottery is good or bad, the issue is how you treat the video lottery issue and I don't think it's a gambling issue necessarily. I don't think it's a tax issue, that all the money should be raised from lottery for property tax relief or anything. Those are good things. But let us imagine just for a minute that we had no laws with respect to liquor. That wouldn't have stopped liquor. And if we put an absolute ban on it it wouldn't stop it, so we've done the next best thing. As a society, as a government we've set up a regulatory system that works fairly decent, not perfect, but fairly decent. Now we have two ways video lotteries exist in the United States. They exist in a legalized system of control, supervision, taxation, identification, where they are, keeping them out of the hands of children so to speak, maximizing the amounts that can be played and these kind of things, or they exist in another system, a system that has been described and condemned in here and that is rapidly developing in this state, the Tennessee system. That's what is happening in Nebraska. You aren't stopping anything. So all I am suggesting is on the issue of video lottery you deal with it in its real perspective. Do you want the one system which is in effect and it is going on and I haven't seen a single video lottery arrest out there, or do you do it with a control mechanism? Now maybe LB 144 isn't the control mechanism you want. Maybe it's not the best bill.