

mean I think we all need to be disabused right now of the proposition that we can avoid raising 20 million or 25 million dollars out of taxes by enacting a state lottery because the figures simply are not there, the figures simply are not there. It is not going to raise anywhere near that kind of revenue. And if we attempt to rely on a lottery bill instead of a state income tax bill, we are all going to be back down here in November with another special session, like the last special session, trying to figure out what in the world to do about our revenue shortfall.

SENATOR MARSH: Forty-five seconds left.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now in conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, let me say once again that government in Nebraska can do better than that. Public servants in Nebraska can do better than that. I say let's stand tall in Nebraska, and let's tell Iowa and the rest of the states that have lotteries that they are wrong, that it is simply not in the best interest of their citizenry, and let's instead direct our efforts to do what is good for Nebraskans, to pass beneficial legislation for Nebraskans and to indefinitely postpone this bill this morning. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. Next I recognize Senator Lamb. Following Senator Lamb, in order, Senator Pappas, Barrett, Labedz, Higgins, Vickers, Beyer, Hefner. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Madam Chair, members of the Legislature, I rise to vigorously support the motion to kill this bill, vigorously, Senator DeCamp. Yes. I believe this bill should be killed right here and right now because first of all it is a philosophical thing with me that I do not believe that videos or whatever you want to call them, or ticket lotteries, any kind of lotteries, are an appropriate way to fund state government. It is not an appropriate way to fund state government. Beyond that is the fact that many of these states are disappointed with the revenues that are produced. To say to our people, look, we can enact a lottery and your taxes will go down, is not necessarily true, it is not necessarily true. And I understand that there will be, if this kill motion is not successful, that there will be motions to amend another bill into here which changes it somewhat. But that doesn't change it for me. I think I'll be voting to support the kill motion. I'll be voting against any moves to amend the bill with other bills