

or to try to soften the thing because I absolutely think it is not the best policy for this state. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Madam Speaker, colleagues, I'd like to point out a couple of things before we go very far. One is what you'll see after the kill motion is defeated is Senator Labedz has an amendment up there to substitute the video lotteries with a ticket lottery system, very similar to what the State of Iowa now has in place, which will allow us to go along the same lines that they have, also to help stop the outflow of dollars from eastern Nebraska into Iowa, and also potentially some place in the future to have a joint two or three state lottery cooperative system, where two or three states go together on a lottery. But to get back to the issue and talk about several things that people have talked about this morning against it, and I'm assuming from what Senator Lamb said it is not going to do me any good to go talk to him privately on this issue. But there has been a rash of editorials or copies of editorials passed out this morning, a few of them that talk about, you know, how evil gambling is, how evil lotteries are, and what a bad system they are, and everything else. Senator Hoagland quoted an editorial from the World-Herald from last Sunday and talked about their facts and figures on why they are bad and gave their examples and everything else. I person wonders that these editorialists are probably very bright, well informed people, and their facts and figures were probably right if you take them out of text. But I point out to Senator Hoagland and other people this morning, and a few people that know a little bit about the geography of the State of Nebraska when we talk about how accurate an editorial in the Star, and particularly Howard Lamb was involved, it was his district, the editorial right below the one they had on lotteries they talked about tech colleges in Nebraska, and they talked about how far these poor people have to travel to go to schools. They talked about specifically if you lived in Valentine, Nebraska, the closest place you could go to a community college was at Norfolk, 187 miles away. I'm quite sure Senator Lamb knows that North Platte is just a little bit closer to Valentine, North Platte is, than Norfolk, and it is a lot closer than 187 miles. So I'm quite sure everything the editorials say is correct. But the most unique thing, when we talk about the editorialist and the editors writing about how sinful and evil gambling