

is and lotteries, is this morning, of all times, it was kind of the perfect timing, there was an editorial in the Lincoln Star. The title of it was, "Horses and Industry," "Horses and Industry." Senator Hoagland talked specifically, more than once, about government shouldn't be involved in gambling and they should raise taxes legitimately. You know there is a lot to be said to that. There is a lot of merit in a discussion like that. But then you look at this editorial, and I sent everybody a copy of it in case they didn't have a chance to read it this morning because these are the same people that talk about how evil and sinful lotteries are, and how the state shouldn't be involved in lotteries, and we should raise taxes legitimately, and we shouldn't get involved in gambling, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. And we have this nice little editorial. Now I'll read you the first paragraph and the last paragraph. It said if Nebraska could find an industry that generated \$350 million a year in economic activity, it would sure jump at the chance. Thoroughbred horse racing in Nebraska has figured out to be that kind of industry. Now it doesn't say thoroughbred horse gambling. It doesn't talk too much about gambling in the entire article. Then if you would have gone down to the last paragraph it says, for the Legislature the important thing is to maintain tax rates and betting takeout limits that are fair to all concerned and commensurate with successful track operations. What this editorial is talking about is not to increase taxes, not to discourage gambling, this huge, fantastic thoroughbred and horse racing parimutuel industry in Nebraska. It is talking that they are basically urging us to lower the rates, to lower the tax rates that we have set as a body on gambling in the State of Nebraska, to lower the...

SENATOR MARSH: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR PAPPAS: ...income we get from the tracks so we'll have to raise taxes some place else, so basically that we can support a horse racing industry that pries on gambling. Now it seems kind of a two-faced type of approach when they talk on one side that lotteries are very evil and something the state shouldn't get involved with, then the very next day, well today in fact they come out and say gosh, you know lotteries are sinful and evil and we think that we should lower the tax on horse racing, and gambling and horse racing so these horse tracks can survive this \$350 million industry. Well, it is a \$350 million industry. Most of