

think the people ought to have a right to express themselves. So I will express this resolution.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Lamb. Okay. Question has been called. We have sufficient seconds. All those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. We will proceed with closing. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, I would just repeat that LR 24CA is a proposal that would allow the people of the State of Nebraska to vote, in the 1992 election, to tell us whether or not they, in fact, would support the concept of a state run, regulated and operated lottery. The proceeds and the way that this provision is written would go to the state and, after the expenses are all paid out, then it would be up to the Legislature to determine how that money would be spent, the remaining...the remaining proceeds that are left over after all expenses are paid. I want to make it very clear that this does not institute a state lottery, it just lets the people tell us if they do or do not want a state run and regulated lottery. I'm not going to argue about the number of states around us that have gambling. I'm not going to...and I certainly understand the concern of those people that have been opposed to it. But I would just like again, and I mentioned a little bit in the last time I got up and spoke, about the fact that information has been provided to us that refutes the argument that the lowest income people spend more of their money. And, in comparison, that is absolutely not true. We have a study that's been paid for by this...regarding attitudes about and participation in gambling, a survey of Nebraskans, which was done by the University of Nebraska. And some of the information in here tells us they did...one part of that study dealt with an analysis regarding the percentage of respondents who gambled at each income level. And the first column, that I see on my chart here, reveals that those with lower income are less likely to gamble than those with higher incomes. Or stated another way, as family income rises so does the likelihood that one will gamble, and you will gamble more. For instance, they talk about the under \$15,000 level here, the percentage