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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you support it?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you support this motion for confirmation that you're bringing us?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You don't see any contradiction or inconsistency in that, do you?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't think so. Probably nobody on the floor does other than myself. But when the state is going to put in place a program, and then at the same time have a commission dealing with the evils that will flow from that program, it shows that the state intentionally, knowingly and deliberately is presenting something that they know will damage the public. But to try to make it seem halfway right, they say well we're going to try to minimize the harm by offering help to those people who would not need this help except for what it is the state is doing. I'm going to vote no for the reasons that you can deduce from the comments that I just made. My vote is not against the commission. My vote is not against those people being appointed to the commission, but it's for the crass action by the state. This goes beyond mere hypocrisy. This goes to cynicism, this goes to venality. This is actually a venal thing that the state is doing with reference to gambling. And for those reasons I'm going to vote no.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Madam President and members. Earlier here we got to talking about the corn flakes. I don't know how that got into this confirmation, but actually we're talking about the confirmation report here and we need to take a look at these individuals. They are all very well qualified for these two different commissions. We have the Arts Council, we also have the Nebraska Advisory Commission on Compulsive Gambling. So I would just urge the body to approve these confirmations. They are very well qualified and so we can just go on to something else. Thank you.