

tax receipts, and it will show approximately \$75 to \$100 of property tax relief per homestead, and I think this is what we need to show the people, that we are passing this bill to give property tax relief. I think if we put it in the state aid to schools fund, it will be such a small amount compared to what is in there now that it will be lost in the shuffle, and so I would just have to urge you to vote against this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, then Senator Fenger.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it would have been good could my trip have extended into this week so that I could avoid having to debate this bill because I know I have a very, very hard fight on my hands. I am opposed to it and I know it probably is a futile opposition in terms of stopping the bill, but it is very distasteful to me to see the state getting into gambling, to have the state try to purify an ugly, demoralizing activity by pretending that the purpose for passing it is to give relief to homeowners. I understand that Senator Vickers, since he thinks the bill is going to go wants to put it into schools. But I would hate to have children educated by this kind of money when you are going to have teachers standing up there trying to inculcate all types of moral principles into them. This bill is not designed to help homeowners. This bill is not designed to help the schools. This bill is designed to help companies that make gambling machines, to help give money to those who distribute them and hopefully operations that will gain spinoffs from state-run gambling. There is a lot of money in gambling and everybody knows it. That is why the maffia is into it. That is why New York and sixteen other states are into it. It is why bookies and others will risk going to the Penitentiary in order to get some of that money. And now the state is saying that it is going to join the scramble also. Ironically or coincidentally an article appeared on the editorial page, or the page opposite facing the editorial page, in the World Herald this morning which I have handed around to you. There are not many good things that I can unreservedly attribute to the World Herald, but the publishing of this editorial is one of those things. It talks about the cost of state-run gambling. It talks about an ailment that many people don't consider which is that of the compulsive gambler, who actually develops a sickness, who must be treated in a center or a hospital where they have beds to put these people and keep them on some type of therapy so they can overcome this illness. While we