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about it but because officials in Nebraska have shown that they are for sale. They will forget their responsibilities and obligations. They will offer as a justification for their suspect real estate deals and their lies...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a defense which is as weak, Senator Johnson, as soup made by boiling the shadow of a pigeon that starved to death. That is how strong their defense is. And when we see these types of activities facing us again, I say for the sake of trying to maintain a shred of integrity and honesty among the public officials of Nebraska we must pass LB 744 and defeat the video slots. The temptation is too great. Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely. These amounts of money will be seen by certain public officials in this state as absolute power and there will be absolute corruption. I am against Senator DeCamp's amendment for the reasons I have said if you can sort them out, and I am for LB 744. What do I mean by all I have said? Listen to what I have said and review it and what I said is what I mean. What I didn't say, I didn't mean and when you apply those two principles you will know exactly what I did mean.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it is always a challenge to follow Senator Chambers to the microphone. His eloquence is never exceeded and very rarely equalled. He has also pointed out some very excellent arguments in behalf of why you might want to support the DeCamp amendment. I rise in support of the DeCamp amendment. One of the interesting things about this Legislature is that frequently on the floor we find individuals take a position. They defend it vigorously or they oppose it vigorously and we wonder why so much vigor and so much ambition is expended in a certain area. Sometimes much later we discover why. I think perhaps in some instances, in years to come, we may discover why certain elements have opposed the addition of video lottery devices as vigorously as they have. Since the question of