

am sure they are wondering about the precedents that have been set in the way this bill has been presented to the Legislature. I have stood here and argued for the right of grown men and women, adults, to decide how they want to spend their own hard earned money. Senator DeCamp has made the point that video lotteries are for the middle income, the working men and women. You know I remember one year when Ak-Sar-Ben came out with this expensive television and billboard ad saying "Ak-Sar-Ben is Ak-citing", and I wrote a letter to the Public Pulse and I said after paying to park my car, after paying to get in, after paying for a program, after paying for a place to sit down, I think it was \$3 for a table, I find Ak-Sar-Ben is nothing but "Ak-spensive". And you know I got an awful lot of calls and letters on that. A lot of people must have agreed with me. How many people can afford to go to the race track? Do you know something we have never even considered here? The hopes and the dreams of a lot of people ride on a little twenty-five cent piece. Some people dream everyday of one day having enough money to go out and buy a suit of clothes and maybe this change I have in my pocket I will hit it. I might win twenty-five, fifty, a hundred dollars. But, of course, if you haven't got the five or ten dollars it cost to get in to place that little bet, there go your dreams, there go your hopes. That is why we should allow middle income people, yes, and the low income people, they have rights too, that is why we should give them the rights that this bill would reserve exclusively for the rich and the super rich. I have always been the champion of the middle income and I shall always be, but most of all, I think the people of this state have the right to decide for themselves and everyone of us knows that any county or any city can vote for or against it and the wishes of their people will be known. Mr. Speaker, I believe Senator Vard Johnson would like to say a few words and I will yield the rest of my closing time to Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator, just a minute. Now.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I do thank Senator Higgins for yielding a couple of minutes of her closing time. I was the only member of the