

And I think it is important to discuss. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, are you ready to talk yet? Senator Chambers, then Senator Pappas, then Senator Hannibal, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I want to deal with a comment Senator Hefner made about Governor Kerrey's position. Senator Hefner, I would say that Governor Kerrey's position at best is ambiguous. Because some may not have been here when I explained a discussion I had with him, I am going to do it again. Governor Kerrey said that the issue of this bill was first raised to him at a press conference by a reporter. That is why he addressed only this gambling bill and not some of the others. I didn't know that when I read in the paper that he had addressed his remarks to this bill and said he would veto it. So I made some very angry comments on the floor about him being selective in the type of gambling that he is going to approve of and if he thought gambling was so bad, he should have indicated that every gambling bill before the Legislature would be vetoed by him. He contacted me and indicated that he heard about my remarks and wanted to know if there was something personal that I felt was involved in what he had said and whether there was something personal intended in what I said about his remarks as they appeared in the paper.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Chambers. (Gavel.) Will you kindly hold it down. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I told him there was nothing personal as far as I was concerned and that I assumed there was nothing personal as far as he was concerned, so we cleared the air. Then he told me that one of the reasons he said so forthrightly he would veto the bill is that he had been led to believe that I was joking when I offered it, that people who had been at the hearing indicated that I was joking. So if it was not a serious bill, it should not be taken seriously. I assured him that I am very serious about it. He said, having taken the position that he would veto the bill, he was not going to say he will not veto the bill. However, knowing that I am serious about it, he would keep an open mind and he would listen to my arguments as to why the bill should not be vetoed. In addition to that, I told him about the request for an Attorney General's Opinion. He