

that Nebraska has no scruples against gambling, when you observe horse racing, bingo, lotteries, pickle cards and every other imaginable form of gambling, there is no policy in this state against gambling. I gave some handouts the other day and one of them dealt with various sources of point spreads. On the first page of that handout is a column by Wally Provost, who used to be the sports editor of the World-Herald, and he pointed out, and I wanted you to see it in writing what everybody knows who is aware of gambling, that there is more wagering by people on sporting events than all of the other gambling that occurs combined, legal and illegal. In every state there are bookmakers and people who take advantage of their services. On Wall Street and in other financial institutions, whether they be banks, stockbroker houses, or whatever, there are people now who have computer terminals and within that business they put together sports pools. You can call up on your terminal the teams that are to be bet, you make your selections, make your bet, then printouts are provided so that the settling up after the events occur can take place. There are many ancillary businesses that now would be greatly hurt if illegal wagering on sporting events were to be broken up. Remember, I'm talking about what is currently illegal. AT&T makes tons of money through various sports lines. They give scores, updates on the weather, injuries to players and other kinds of information that is of value only to gamblers. The Omaha World-Herald which, on occasion, will have an editor stand up and talk about how bad sports betting is, will give what is called the latest line on football and basketball, and this information is of no value to anybody except gamblers because no sporting event is won by half a point. So when criticisms are made of newspapers that will run this kind of information that will benefit those who are engaging in an activity that is illegal, the newspaper publishers, because they want the money that sale of those papers will bring, will give the very lame excuse that this is not really information to help betters, it is news. We know it is not news. People are put in a position of having to look the other way and pretend, when it comes to wagering on sporting events. You have governors who engage in illegal betting because it is interstate when they put something of value on the team from their state winning a bowl football game. That has happened with Governor Exon. Recently the President of the United States made a wager and put up something of value with the Prime Minister of Australia on the outcome of the America's Cup races. So, everybody, not every individual, but people from all walks of life in this society engage in sports wagering. So I decided that I would bring a bill to bring this whole thing