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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please. Senator Hefner. Senator Schmit on deck.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the kill motion. I think this bill as proposed would just encourage gambling in our state and right at this time I don't see any use to have the increased activity. I know that Senator Chambers is very knowledgeable in this field. In fact, he was talking about how we should be betting on some of our football, but I don't think that we want to see this in Nebraska and maybe he could address this a little later on, but as I understand it now, there is only four states in Nebraska (sic) that allow or legalize betting on the professional football, baseball or basketball teams. And I would like to see him address or hear him address how many states do have a bookie bill such as this. So at this time I would just encourage you to vote for the kill motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Abboud a question or two if he will respond. Senator Abboud, are you there? Oh, okay. You had mentioned, if I understood you correctly, that you feel this bill would give the children the wrong message about gambling by the state recognizing it and legalizing it and taxing it, it would be the wrong message to the children by indicating that gambling is all right. Is that basically what you said?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you opposed to bingos and lotteries being conducted by churches where children attend?

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, I've never really had to vote on it, Senator Chambers. I guess it's just...it's authorized by the state so...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I think it's a fair question. We're talking about now, as you said, a philosophical or moral position about the message given to children.