

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

May 27, 1997

LB 99

the churches could manage to get into casino type gambling they would be whirring that roulette wheel all the time. They'd be rolling those dice on the felt tables. They'd be playing blackjack and all these other card games. They would do it all because they want money and they want as much money as they can get. The fact that they're coming in here to reduce this tax indicates that they want as much money as they can get. Senator Brown was touching on the fact that there are services that the city provides and these outfits take advantages of...advantage of it. Churches don't pay taxes, but they want to gamble in addition to hustling their other wares. If they sell chicken dinners I don't believe they pay taxes, so they can go into retailing, they can go into gambling, they can go into fortunetelling, they can go into all of these things and not pay any taxes. If their church catches on fire, which it ought not do because God, it's God's house, they shouldn't call for the fire department; they should pray for rain. That's what they should do. They don't want to pay the taxes that support fire services. If there's a hole in the street in front of their church, the preacher ought to go out there and touch it with his hand and say heal and that hole should fill up. They shouldn't...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...call the city and say come out here and fill in this hole because parishioners' cars, the wheels go down in and the balance is thrown off. If they don't want to pay taxes and they think all their duty is to God, let God provide their services. Let God give them fresh running water. Let God put out the fires but, better than that, let him stop the fire from happening in the first place. They want it both ways and, Senator Tyson, I'm not sympathetic to them. And when it comes to them dipping into Caesar's till and they don't want to render to Caesar what is Caesar's then I think Caesar must seize it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Janssen, do you wish to speak to the motion to reconsider?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. I stand to oppose the reconsideration motion. I realize that \$70,000 is not a lot of