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always been with us. And I think the government has a responsibility to raise taxes when that is necessary in order to have the revenue to discharge the government's responsibilities. Now, since I've touched on the "Holly Bible" to show that taxes have been with us, I'm going to go to the...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... "Holly Bible" Old Testament and New Testament to show that gambling has been with us. When there was... the term "a Jonah" on the ship means somebody who is bad luck... lots were drawn, because this ship was having a lot of problems, to see who the bad one was. And I believe Jonah drew the long straw, or the short one, and he was thrown overboard and a fish, not a whale, a whale is a mammal, a fish swallowed him, supposedly--first instance of gambling. When Jesus was hanging on the cross the Roman soldiers gambled for his clothing. So gambling has always been here; it always will be. It's not going to go away, so how we address it is what's confronting us today. Senator Brashear gave an excellent rationale for reconsidering. Initially, I was opposed to Senator Beutler's amendment, but in order to keep this proposal alive to get it to Select File I'm going to support...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what I think is necessary. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, we have to stop and think about how we all arrived here. We arrived here because people voted for each one of us. We were the lucky, or unlucky, ones to receive the most votes. Why is it that it's such a sin to allow people, our constituents, to vote on a proposition? I think, ultimately, they will decide what they feel is the best thing for each and every one of them. If we get something like this constitutional amendment on the ballot, at least in my opinion, we have done the right thing. I just noticed a...a...a sheet that passed