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want to dwell on the evils of gambling of any great extent at all. I know we all know the difficulties of a lot of people who are gambleholics (sic) and we all know how the gambling disease can disrupt families particularly in low wage, low earning households money can be drained away from needed uses by children and wives. People get wound up in it. They bet and they lose an awful lot more than they can afford to do, to bet or to lose, and that is an evil even of itself but more important, more important, it is the element that large scale gambling of bookmaking attracts. Now Kansas City has attracted a lot of that kind of element the last four or five years and look at the problems they have been having down there and Iowa has attracted to a lesser extent some of that gambling element lately because they have loosened up their laws. Now it seems to me if we want to make a social policy judgement it is okay to do that, fine, but I am not prepared to make that social policy judgement and until we do I would encourage this body to leave first degree gambling a felony. I really see no harm in doing that and I would encourage the adoption of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Hoagland amendment to the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Hoagland. Record the vote.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 22 nays.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. The amendment is not adopted. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Move the bill as amended be advanced and I would accept a voice vote on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. Bill is advanced. Do you have anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Senator Hoagland would like to print amendments to 378 and Senator Murphy to 86, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark, would you like to adjourn us until 8:30 in the morning?