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SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I am going to stay out of this altogether but I don't know what Johnny, Senator DeCamp, is trying to do but I am going to...when you get into gambling, I really don't know what gambling is. Senator Chambers, can you explain to me what is legalized gambling in Nebraska? You seem to know something about it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Keyes, the only way I think you can determine what is legal is to look in the statutes and see what it allows so primarily Ak-sar-ben and the churches. They can legally gamble. If there is to be a refinement of the definition, I am not the one to give it right now.

SENATOR KEYES: The other Senator was saying that there was a \$1000 pot or a \$1000 take or \$1000, can you tell me what that is that you are talking about, Senator? What is that \$1000 that you take or expenses or you win or you lose?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, it is set out on page 1462, Senator Keyes, of the Journal and it says "A person commits the offense of promoting gambling in the first degree if he knowingly advances or profits from unlawful gambling activity by either engaging in bookmaking to the extent he receives or accepts \$1000 a day or receives in connection with any other gambling scheme or enterprise \$1000 a day.

SENATOR KEYES: Now if that is permitted under horse racing or permitted under bingo or permitted under coupons or whatever you call them, pickles, that is legal then, is it?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, but there is a difference, Senator Keyes, in horse racing and bingo and pickles, there is not the danger of organized crime participating.

SENATOR KEYES: There isn't?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, because the horse racing at Ak-sar-ben is run by a nonprofit organization. The new bingo law that Senator Johnson has written so well limits bingo activities and pickle activities to churches basically.

SENATOR KEYES: Now is this gambling and do you know what statute it operates on? I can walk into the nicest building in Omaha, I mean one of the very nicest, Swanson Building, and I can go in and I can put \$1500 down on a contract of corn. The booker, not the bookie, I mean my broker, I got it mixed up there, my broker will rotate \$50 for handling the contract, and if I do like I did the day before or like you could have done the day before yesterday you could have