

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, this is one of those examples that I have given in showing that gambling is not what is opposed in this state, it is who will gamble and who will profit. In lotteries and raffles the idea is that a large number of people will buy chances with the expectation that very few will win. There is no skill, no ability involved in playing raffles or lotteries. The only skill involved is on the part of those who organize and arrange them to take in as much money as possible. So gambling is not opposed by the people of this state and for the Governor to single out my bill to say that he was going to veto it, but not talk about these other bills that relate to gambling make me wonder what kind of deals he is trying to pull. I'm wondering if he is trying to control the Legislature and what issues will be discussed by saying they'll waste their time to discuss a bill by Chambers, but he didn't say they'd waste their time discussing a bill by Senator Labeledz who is a friend of his and a political crony and a very strong and capable supporter of his. So the Governor should not do those kind of things, in my opinion, and when I say should, that refers to moral propriety and not in the sense of right or wrong but that which is desirable. When he picks and chooses in that fashion I have to take offense and I don't think that anybody on this floor believes I'm going to withdraw my bill just because the Governor said he doesn't want the Legislature to discuss it. He is in the executive branch. He has had trouble dealing with the State Patrol and the SWAT team and still can't determine how to deal with that. He couldn't determine that an investigation was needed until I pointed the way and took him by the hand and led him, but he can say that the Legislature ought not discuss a bill that relates to gambling without dealing with all of the bills related to gambling. So what I intend to do, because obviously I don't understand politics in this state, I don't understand Governor Kerrey, I don't understand Senator Hefner who supports some gambling...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I'm going to sit and watch how these other gambling bills are dealt with and perhaps I can learn something which right now I don't know or understand. I have no trouble understanding Senator Labeledz. She is very straightforward, unequivocating on the issue, but when I see a Governor walking blue-foot, box-ankle and knock-kneed on