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SENATOR BEUTLER: Time is up, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...slanders a senator, puts words in their mouth that were not there. I have never worked against bingo for the churches or for any other nonprofit organizations and I wanted to make the record clear that the World Herald ought to get a dictionary out before they start writing their sloppy editorials.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Higgins, your time is (interruption).

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you for your consideration, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, we are going to take the next speaker who is Senator DeCamp, and unless he calls the question, he will be the last speaker today and the Clerk will read in some announcements and then we will adjourn. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DEKAMP: Mr. President, Senator Chambers, I am angry and offended. First of all, you have the audacity to suggest that Senator Hoagland is hypocritical and, second, you have the temerity to suggest that the World Herald promotes, yeah, gambling. Just because they run bookie spreads and all those little things doesn't mean they aren't outraged by these evil events going on. Well, let's get to a serious note. Okay, should you kill the bill? Probably not. Why not? The bill deals with a business, with a legal business. I said a legal business, the booking business. Yeah, it is legalized in Nebraska. You legalized it a long time ago just like you legalized children under the age of 21 being allowed to smoke. Now the law says otherwise just like the law says that you are not allowed to gamble or do bookie bets but the facts are they have smoking rooms in the schools. They have children allowed to get cigarettes and everything else. Don't think the children under 21 or 19 or whatever the going age is don't smoke. They do. You legalize something when you choose to ignore it or to enforce no laws against it. So forget the argument of Senator Hefner and everybody about you haven't legalized it, he has legalized it. I haven't seen Hefner out there chasing anybody getting these bookies closed down and