

prepared to answer them, but I'm speaking against the kill motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, I'm going to have to correct you a little bit. Horse racing is a game of chance. You stop by some of those little pubs around the racetrack and you'll meet the jockeys and the trainers and they'll tell you who is going to win tomorrow, which race. So you're taking your chances if you haven't met them. You don't know what is going to come down tomorrow. I would like to say this. It's been mentioned by my great friends, the Omaha World Herald, in their infamous editorial where they said, "Giving the Legislature a chance to debate a bill is not a good reason for advancing a bill to the floor," but in that closing editorial they said, if we want to legalize betting on games of sport such as football and basketball and boxing, why don't we put it to a vote of the people? The Omaha World Herald who has never read the video lottery bill fails to recognize the fact that before the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee last year took away the people's right to play video lotteries it was legal. We didn't need a vote of the people to make it legal to put a coin in a slot. It would either give you out soap to do your washing or a bottle of coke or would allow you to play a game. So we never asked the people, or Senator Hefner didn't, nor the people who voted in this Legislature to do away with video lotteries, never once said, let's put it to a vote of the people even though the people have that right in the Constitution. And now they suggest put it to a vote of the people if they want to wager on football and baseball. We took away their rights and all Senator Chambers is trying to do is give them back some of their rights and again, at the risk of being redundant, I want to say if this Legislature wants to go down in history as being a bunch of hypocrites we will do it because you'll never convince me that the people that put down \$2.00 minimum at the racetrack and maybe \$2.50 to get in, \$2.00 to park, \$6.00 if you want a table to sit at, and that's all before you even place the bet, but if we want to go down in history as the most hypocritical Legislature there is, then we won't advance this bill. We'll go along with what old "Mother" World Herald tells us is best for the people. So I would urge you to vote against the kill motion to tell the World Herald we were elected to vote for the people...