

this one certain people have a sensitivity. They can't vote for anything on gambling, but I think everybody, all 49 of us would like to raise some money and maybe get a little better handle on what's going on. So I'd urge you not to kill it today, keep it alive. Maybe Senator Chambers will tell me to stick it up my sweet "patootie", but at least if you do keep it alive it is something both sides, even the most fervent churchgoing, antigambling Lutheran or Catholic or, no, they don't oppose it, could support and so I'd urge you not to kill it just now and to the half a dozen or so that I talked to that said, yeah, we're going to vote to kill it, give it a second thought. Let's keep it alive and at least consider the possibility of taxing it under some method or other.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have to emphasize for you all again, there is nothing that law enforcement can do to stamp out bookmaking, nationally, statewide, countywide or locally. It is here to stay. I'm telling you that judges do it. Lawyers do it. Doctors, legislators, preachers, they all do it, and if I were the kind of person that the FBI is, I could get photographs of these people laying the bets. Former Judge Richling said that bookmaking ought to be legalized. He was a judge in Omaha and considered a hanging judge. He said bookmaking definitely should be legalized. There are other judges that have said the same thing. There are police executives, meaning a chief of police or a head of a state police or whatever, they have all said that it puts law enforcement in a very precarious position. They are often called on to enforce moral standards of certain segments of the population, when it comes to gambling. If all gambling were forbidden, law enforcement would not have the difficulty because here is an activity which society has said is wrong and wherever the officer finds it he or she can crack down. But when they are told that if the gambling occurs in the church house, leave it alone. If it occurs in the school, leave it alone. If it occurs at Ak-Sar-Ben, leave it alone. If it occurs in certain West Omaha homes and business establishments, leave it alone. If it occurs in certain bars and taverns in South Omaha, leave it alone. If it occurs with certain snitches in North Omaha, leave them alone. So here is the cop, never doing anything with reference to bookmaking except when a show has to be made to