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SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland to close.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would urge you to vote to kill this bill today, this morning. I think if you all reflect on it, why you will conclude that this is not a bill that stands really any likelihood of passage this session. I mean we in the Nebraska Legislature in the face of an Attorney General's Opinion that it is unconstitutional are not about to legalize bookmaking. We're just not going to do it as a practical matter. Now we've already spent well over an hour, at least an hour and a quarter debating this particular proposal. If you'll look on the blackboard up in front of you to the left of the Speaker's desk there are 126 bills on General File right now. Last Friday, as Senator Johnson indicated, a bunch of us drove down from Omaha, we spent an hour on a resolution. Our entire productivity besides the resolution which was important for the morning was passing four bills which came out of committee, 8-0, 8-0, 6-0, 6-0 and we spent a whole morning getting those four bills passed all of which should be consent calendar bills. Now when we get close to the first of June the time that we spend debating issues like this that have no practical chance of passage are going to be very expensive, it's going to be very expensive. Senator Higgins has a child pornography bill that is very important to her that we need to have time to debate on the floor. Senator Labeledz has an informed consent and abortion bill that is very important to her we need to have time to debate on the floor. Senator DeCamp has his moment of silence bill which we may want to debate on the floor. My point is, with 126 bills stacked up on General File, we don't have the luxury of spending any more time on a proposal like this that stands no realistic chance of passage, and I can guarantee if we don't kill this bill on this vote right now, we're going to burn up at least an hour, an hour and a half yet this morning on this bill that shouldn't be passed, that doesn't have the merit to be passed and that you know in your heart is not going to pass. So my point is, if you're not prepared to vote for this bill on Final Reading, for the sake of our agenda, for the sake of a great number of very important bills that we want to be able to consider this session, vote no, vote yes to kill the bill now so we can pass on to more important things. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.