

mockery of the system of laws and justice. Rather than put police officers in this impossible position, we should pass LB 72. But before that can even be considered, I need 25 votes to reconsider. This final point, I don't remember the county from which Sheriff Schneiderheinz comes, but he talked to me in the hall the other day and he said he is for this bill. He had written a letter which I haven't received yet and I wanted to hand it out but I am telling you his name so you will know. He said he can't arrest bookies, he can't enforce the law against bookies. I think he mentioned two occasions in eighteen years when he caught two and that is when they brought in trailers and set up their operation so notoriously that there is no way for you not to be aware of them.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise against this reconsideration. That's right, Senator Chambers, I am still against this bill and probably will be for many more days. But you certainly are hard to convince. You certainly are persistent that you want this bill to become law. And, Senator Chambers, I don't think you added any new dimensions to your debate this morning that convinces me or a lot of others on the floor. Like I told you the other day, I voted against this bill, against advancement of this bill in committee and the main reason that I voted against the advancement is because I feel that it will encourage more gambling in our state. At the present time, only one state in our nation, only one state in our nation, and that is Nevada, that has legalized bookies and I think a lot of you know that New Jersey, the State of New Jersey, has a lot of gambling and they have not legalized it. So I ask you this morning, why should we in Nebraska do it where we have the good life? I believe that our Constitution prohibits legalized bookmaking. Our Constitution prohibits games of chance. The Attorney General's Opinion that we received the other day confirms this that it is against our Constitution to legalize bookmaking. Our Constitution is quite clear on gambling. Most of these gambling issues are unconstitutional. However, there are several exceptions. These exceptions are stated in our Constitution and have been voted on by the people, voted on by the people in Nebraska. One of them is the parimutuel wagering which was approved in 1934; another one, bingo, which was approved in 1968. And so Nebraskans