

able to pick winners and if the only wagering that was occurring is happening in Las Vegas or other cities in Nevada such as Reno, there wouldn't be this national business springing up in the way that it has. You wouldn't have national and local newspapers giving the point spreads, such as the Omaha World Herald, the Lincoln Star and Journal during football season and others. So it is clear and Senator Hefner knows it and has never denied it that sports wagering occurs throughout the country, that there is a lot of money in it. In New Jersey the reason they don't have sports wagering and allow it to be done by individuals is because they have a very limited amount of gambling and only the state can engage in it. And the only type of gambling they have, Senator Hefner, is the foolish kind or the stupid kind of gambling where it is practically all based on the lottery concept. When you hear states talking about sports pool betting, what they are talking about is using athletic teams rather than other items in putting together a series of things which must occur before you can win so it is still a lottery. They may take eight teams and select at random which ones will appear on a sheet and you buy this sheet and you have to hope that the teams which were printed on that sheet will win. If they don't, you lose, so it is still a lottery. You are not allowed to pick your individual teams and make an individual bet against that team or for that team. So when you have lotteries of the kind in New Jersey, it is not even the kind of betting that occurs in Nevada which is the most straightforward, honest type of gambling. I will tell you something else now. In the same way I indicated that this bill, as far as I am concerned, is not primarily designed to raise revenue, it will raise more than enough to cover that A bill, whichever one you accept. But remember this too, I don't come here in a clergy collar telling you that my bill is going to make it possible to save souls or rescue people from perdition. I don't come here with a degree in education saying, allow this gambling in order to keep the schools open. I don't come here with any of those high sounding representations. I don't say, allow this gambling because it is going to elevate society as the Christians in their Christian garb, the school administrators did in that hearing before the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee at which I was present. All I am saying is that this is a pure, straightforward gambling bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.