

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It will keep the people who engage in this kind of gambling from being outlaws in the same way that other types of gambling bills have been enacted by the Legislature to rescue others from being outlaws. When I speak again, I want to go through that Attorney General's Opinion that Senator Hefner made reference to but which I don't think anybody has read and maybe nobody has paid too much attention to, but for the record I will address some remarks to that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The order is Senator Higgins, Senator DeCamp, Senator Morehead and Senator Chambers. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me a second, please. (Gavel.) Let's hold it down so we can hear what Senator Higgins has to say. Thank you.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I will address some of my remarks to the Senator who has objected most vehemently to the reconsideration of this bill. Senator Hefner, if you look in Webster's Dictionary, it defines a bookie as a professional receiver of bets. I would like to ask you what every race track in the State of Nebraska is. They are professional receivers of bets. So much for the bookie. Senator Hefner made the statement that the people have voted. I wish my good friend, Senator Hefner, were here because I don't like to talk about him when he is not. Thank you. Senator, you also mentioned the fact that we had voted on betting for parimutuel racing. We had voted on bingo. But I would remind everybody that the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and the Legislature a year ago without a vote of the people, without a vote of the people took away their right to play video lottery. Nobody was concerned about a vote of the people on that. Was that fair? They were legal, remember, until the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee said, we know what is best for the people of the State of Nebraska, we are not even going to give them a chance to vote on it. We are going to take that right away from them right now. And my good friend, Senator Hefner, made the point, parimutuel was made legal in the Constitution. I would remind you, Senators, especially the women Senators, like my friend, Jackie Smith, Senator Pat Morehead, Senator Sandra Scofield, Senator Shirley Marsh,