

it never has prohibited sports wagering which does not partake of a game of chance. As a matter of fact, court cases have ruled that a wager is not a game, a wager constitutes the stakes and there is a legal difference between the stakes on the outcome of an event and a game of chance.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Betting on sporting events is not a game of chance. My time is up.

SPEAKER NICHOL: May I please introduce some guests before we go to the next speaker. They are guests of Senator Hannibal and Senator Hoagland, and they are in the north balcony. They are 25 Westside High School students, District 66 in Omaha. Their sponsors are Kathy Safranek, Doris Walters, Ginger Peterson. Would you please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, to save time, Senator Morehead basically said what I was going to say, but one thing I will remind this body and that is it is time we get our heads out of the sand. We cannot allow our heads to be buried in the sand forever because bookmaking and Senator Chambers, neither one is going to go away. They are both going to be out here for a long period of time and it is time we addressed the issue of bookmaking. Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I said I would be brief. I am through.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. All right, thank you. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members, I wasn't going to get up and speak on this but I wanted to address some questions to Senator Chambers and I guess I will do that now. I will address a couple of questions to him and I will give him the remainder of my time to answer the questions if he would prefer. Senator Chambers has argued that because illegal bookmaking is here, has been here, will always be here, that what we need to do is regulate it, legalize it and tax it. I would like to have him address how it would