

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting to cease debate. Have you all voted that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has not ceased. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we could...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Too late, sorry. Senator DeCamp. And then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, very briefly. You know last time we discussed this issue I said, maybe you ought to look at one other aspect and that aspect is, what exists, what is occurring now? Do you have a complete underground economy there? And if so, should you be taxing it? I know the Governor is calling people in and lobbying the blazes out of them on, what is it, LB 715, and I know right now at this very moment other people are diligently working on LB 715. The total amount involved there I think is, what, \$24 million? Here you have got an underground economy that I know, you know is hundreds of millions a year in gross. You know, I am going to speculate just a trifle. Now don't anybody be offended, but I am going to bet you, I mean, I am going to suggest that there might actually be members of the body, yeah, you and me, my brothers and sisters in here that may on occasion have indulged in gambling. Yes, Hannibal, yes sirree. I mean, maybe even placed a bet on a game. That is what we are talking about, that economy, that underground activity. I would be willing to go so far as to theorize that there are more people that have wagered, and it is illegal, wagered on whether Nebraska would win or lose a particular thing or whether so and so would win a particular race. I know in my last election up at the Nebraska Club on more than one occasion I engendered or I watched, I watched, obviously, I am not the kind to participate in that kind of thing, but I watched...I watched