

wagers being made on whether I would win or not and they were mostly against me, I might add. The point spread there was pretty heavy the other way. Why don't we really look at this picture. Let's quit pretending it doesn't exist or that simply by wiping out a bill or ignoring or whipping it under the rug that somehow it goes away. It is not going away. It is a pretty big business. My amendment, which I am not going to offer unless, obviously, the bill is revived and, obviously, unless Senator Chambers and others support it, it sets up just like the feds do. They tax it. Yes, it's illegal. I keep it as an infraction. And you say, well, that is not much of an offense. And I say, it is a heck of a lot more enforcement than there is now. It seems to work on the interstate pretty good. Anyway, if you revive the bill, I would suggest that probably we will start looking into it. Why? Because it is a signal. It is a signal whether you are for or against the issue and then maybe it is something to look into. I am going to vote to revive it. I don't know whether it will move this year or even have any activity. But one way or another let's look into it. Now, Senator Hefner...and I respect him, I respect him for his position, but I find it almost a little hilarious as I stand here, you go to the truck stop, to the best of my knowledge he is the only one in the gambling business in the whole body today officially. You go there, sit down and coffee, you can buy all the pickle cards you want. I don't know if anybody else is in the gambling business. I keep trying to get into it somewhere else or doing legal work for them, but I can't even get paid for that. But anyway, I would say it is time...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...to look at the whole picture, here is your chance to do it. And just voting to revive the bill doesn't commit you to the bill. That doesn't strap you in the chair and say, now you have got to ride along. It straps you into saying, hey, this is a big issue, let's face up to it, it's a big issue. When you are doing as much volume...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...or more as the entire tourist trade in the state, which is now our number two or three industry, then this is an industry you better be looking into and quit