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take the plunge, so be it, let Illinois and Iowa have the problems. Those who ignore the lessons of history must relive them. We have had slot machines legal in Nebraska from time-to-time the last 100 years and we have always voted to shut them down for social reasons. Let us honor and respect those lessons of history. I urge you to vote to indefinitely postpone this bill regardless of who is sponsoring the motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, the Chair recognizes you for five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of this Legislature, I don't intend to take five minutes this time. This bill is not the kind of thing that I like because I don't like lotteries, and as Senator Labeledz pointed out, I was the only one to vote against that lottery bill the other day. So this bill should have as many yes votes as that lottery bill did unless you feel that this isn't quite as Christian as the other gambling that you voted for the other day. Now people may consider a mouse and a weasel to both be obnoxious little creatures, but a weasel is more vicious. It is more ferocious than a mouse. If you don't like a mouse, you may have to portray it as a weasel to try to turn people sufficiently against it to kill it. Then when they bring out all their hardware to catch a weasel or to kill it, they find out they are dealing with a mouse. Senator Hoagland has misstated what the bill does. I wouldn't want to see these things in grocery stores, but it can't be in grocery stores, it can only be in the places which I describe as the locations where older sinners can congregate. So it wouldn't be in the stores. It wouldn't be in the places where the children would wind up. There has never been this much concern about the gambling problems caused by Ak-Sar-Ben, and I read just yesterday, Senator Vard Johnson, where a judge sentenced a young man who embezzled \$113,000 from one of the leading banks in Omaha, at least it was leading prior to that, to pay back the money, serve some probationary time during which he would do some community service work with the "Y", and he stole the money to gamble at Ak-Sar-Ben. But Senator Hoagland has never said, shut down Ak-Sar-Ben. He didn't want them to be able to sell liquor on Sunday, but he may not want anybody to sell liquor on Sunday. So there are certain types of gambling that fit right in the category of this that he is in favor of. He voted for the lottery bills for the