

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Barrett. The Chair recognizes Senator Peterson of the 21st District.

SENATOR PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I, too, rise to support the kill motion. I have always been against this type of legislation and will continue as long as I serve in this body. I have told my people in my district before the session started after I was elected when I was asked a number of times what some of the big issues were going to be, was going to be the number one issue with more lobbying, more vote-trading, more deals probably being made or trying to be made than anything I have ever seen. This happened back after election and then on the first day the Legislature convened very interesting thing happened. I thought I would like to change committees. After the Committee on Committees was chosen and I was not on it, I had submitted what I thought I would like to do and I suggested one option was over on the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. I was told that afternoon while the Committee on Committees were in meeting by a lobbyist that, hey, you are not going to serve on that. We have got that stacked. I think that is a sad day in the Legislature. I have continued to tell my people who adamantly oppose this bill this type of thing was going to happen and deals were going to be made like you never seen before. If this bill passes, you think about the deals that are played with 49 senators, what it is going to be like out there with these cities and towns, the strong-arm lobbying to get them to get all these machines and that type of gambling into these towns. Another very interesting thing happened about two weeks ago tomorrow. A couple of senators invited a personal friend of mine and said, hey, you know, can you change Peterson's vote? I don't go for that type of strong-arm lobbying, I call it. Now I have worked and my wife did before me at the Madison Races. It was not because of gambling but for financial reasons that we got a job. My wife sold tickets for several years, \$10 tickets. I worked in the money room a couple of years later to make some extra bucks. If you people in here and listening could have seen the people in my area that could not no more afford to play the horses than what was up in regards to betting and the banks and the financial institutions did the most business at that time when the horses were running in Madison. People financed their TV's, their cars, and everything to play. It was a sad, sad situation. This past winter we went through Las Vegas on our way to California, never had been there, quite