

anyway, if we are going to do it, as I said before, the fraternal organization in Omaha does not want this bill passed. They don't want to be licensed and someone mentioned, or I think it was Senator Johnson said they had ski-ball machines, they had amusement only machines. Believe me, I can take you in my district and show you poker machines and I can show you blackjack machines. I went through the entire state and I can tell you about two years ago I was trying to leave a tavern, the World Herald carried the story, they tried to pay me 52 quarters. I was very lucky. I put 6 quarters in and won 52.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: When I was leaving they tried to pay me off. I told them I didn't want the money. I finally had to tell two people at the bar who were sitting there to go play off the credits because I didn't want the money. They turned around to me and said, why are you doing that? You've got the money coming. The next day it was in the paper that I was a playing a machine and I won, but I refused to accept the money. Naturally I did. It was illegal. There is no taxing there. There is no licensing. All they have to do is buy a little decal, put it on the back of the machine. They don't want this bill passed. They are making more money now. They don't have to pay a license fee. They don't have to pay the state 5 percent. Why should they? They don't want the bill passed and it's very sad that we're going to give up millions of dollars. I wonder what would have happened if I introduced an amendment to this bill and said the first \$60 million goes to Commonwealth. What would happen then? Every depositor would be out in the rotunda saying, \$60 billions back to the depositors of Commonwealth, they'd grab it and they would say, my senator will vote for the video machines because the depositor will get back 100 percent of their money. I think it's ridiculous. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Your time is expired, thank you. Next on the speaking list is Senator Hoagland and we also have a request from Senators Higgins, Haberman and Hartnett.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to oppose the advancement of this bill and let me indicate that the real test of strength of this bill is not going to be