

were law enforcement people in the room the day that I offered this bill and not one law enforcement person spoke against this idea. They were there more worried about bingos, lotteries and things of that sort, but sitting there, including the City Prosecutor from the City of Omaha sat in that room and heard me present my bill and did not offer a word of opposition to it. As a matter of fact, I have a former judge on record in support of it. I circulated a letter to you. Prior to being a Douglas County district judge he was a U.S. attorney who prosecuted gambling and he had been very strongly opposed to legalizing gambling of this kind until he became aware of the realities of the situation. The federal government, right now, issues a gambling tax stamp. Anybody who buys that stamp and gambles is in violation of no federal law because there is no federal law against this type of betting. If a person does not pay for the gambling stamp and pay the taxes then the person is charged with tax evasion. So I'm hoping that you will review the whole situation and consider what Senator Johnson indicated. Pickles are legal, bingo is legal, video lotteries are on the verge of being legalized, horse racing is legal, every kind of betting imaginable. And this type that Senator Johnson speaks against is the only kind of intellectual betting you can do where your mind and your study can have a part to play on the possibilities of your winning. So I am hoping that, in the way that you adopted that other amendment, you will adopt this one and we all can be given incentives to vote for a certain piece of legislation. This would certainly give me an incentive to support LB 127.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been asked for. Do I see five seconding hands? I do. The question is shall the debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate. Please record your vote. Please record your vote on the motion to cease debate. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The debate is closed. Senator Chambers.