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SENATOR V. JOHNSON: It only is permissive legislation that will permit people to vote as to whether or not they wish to have video lotteries in their community, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you see an intrinsic difference in various forms of gambling?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you don't think all gambling is gambling?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you see some kinds as being...

PRESIDENT: Call of the house is raised.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...more socially redeeming than others?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I do not consider gambling to be a socially redeeming activity, but I certainly understand it as a human enterprise and a human activity, and lots of folk enjoy gambling. It's as legitimate a form of recreation to them as fishing might be, or going to movies, or what have you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that is basically why you support 127?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: And that is one of the reasons why I support 127.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And are opposed to sports betting.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: And I am opposed to sports betting.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Even though what you said about one applies equally to the other?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Each of us can arrive at our independent conclusions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you like to obtain a convert to your way of thinking?

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