

of the criminal code and saying any law which is criminal in nature should, therefore, be allowed to be amended into that bill simply because it's a part of the criminal code. We are talking about the subject of gambling. This bill that I am trying to amend in LB 1041 has as much relevancy and germaneness as the amendment which was just adopted by the body and that amendment completely strips LB 1041 and I believe that mine, that I'm offering, is germane to this bill. I knew you weren't listening, you were trying to get information, but I wanted some things in the record.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Are you done speaking, Senator Chambers, on the introduction of your amendment? You have some time left.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right then, I'll tell you what the amendment does. The amendment that I'm offering would legalize the betting on sporting events. A person would have to seek a license, obtain a license, for this type of operation to be legal. He or she would be known as a sports pool operator and after obtaining that validating tax or stamp, he or she would then have to pay a 2 percent tax on the gross receipts of such wagers. So there is a stamp which must be obtained which is in the form of a license and a 2 percent tax and the activity to be regulated and taxed is gambling. This bill before us deals with gambling and it has been established that the Legislature has no particular objection to that activity. So I am asking that you allow the person who may not want to waste money on the race tracks, not bet on lotteries or play bingo or any of these other sucker types of gambling. Those other people that I'm talking to should be as legal as the other types. Why should Mr. Anderson who owns the World Herald be the only one allowed legally to gamble? If he likes betting on the races, let him, but there should be gambling for everybody or gambling for nobody. There are people, Senator Vard Johnson, who wear blue collars, not the starched kind like yours, but the soft crumpled kind that are used to characterize the worker. There are people who wear no collar, such as myself, people who wear frayed collars who would like to bet on sporting events, athletic contests, and they do it anyway, but they're made outside of the law, those wagers are. Yet governors bet other governors on sporting events when their respective football teams are in various bowl games. Mayors wager against mayors. Even presidents have gotten involved so it is clear that betting