

Nebraska, would that have been prevented?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You mean illegal bookmaking?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No. The law in and of itself will not make betting on sporting events legal. Those people would have to obtain a license and pay the tax unless they were working for somebody else which is what they were probably doing. They were runners, most likely.

SENATOR PAPPAS: For somebody else probably without...even maybe not even within the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That could be.

SENATOR PAPPAS: That basically they have no competition now and because it's illegal?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR PAPPAS: So there is a good chance, would you say that if it was legalized under your bill that something like that could be prevented or at least likely chance to occur in the future?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. When people think about serious crime in gambling, the criminal element comes into the form of gambling which people are interested in engaging in, but which has been made illegal. The gangsters are willing to undergo the risk because of the tremendous amount of money they can take in. So, they have found out in various states that to stop organized crime from getting a foothold in a particular form of gambling, legalize it and regulate it, if it's a kind that people have shown a great propensity to engage in and sports betting is such a kind.

SENATOR PAPPAS: To add upon that, I think the people that follow history and Senator Johnson made mention of the fact that the voters of Nebraska back around 50 years ago legalized horse racing. It is my understanding from reading some of the past history that one of the reasons they did this was because there was all types and forms which was a common practice to have horse racing going on at different events, community events, rodeos, et cetera, that was