

has been described to me by Senator Pappas on the floor, it is clearly unconstitutional. I would urge the body to reject the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, then Senator Morehead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have two things I've got to talk about now, one, what Senator Pappas is trying to do, and the second is Senator Abboud's reference to a sloppy, poorly written, unresearched Attorney General's opinion. What Senator Pappas is trying to do has been done before. I won't address what he is trying to do as far as the amendment itself, but a bill can be returned from Select File to General File. So maybe he'd consider if he had another chance to try to persuade the body, oh and he'll get to close, tell them if they suspend the rule, adopt the amendment, he'll put it back to General File and can have the discussion there, move to Select, then go to Final Reading and not just be put on at this point and moved over. Now Senator Abboud did ask the Attorney General for an opinion on my bill. And I think the Attorney General wrote the opinion as only Senator Abboud would read it. He quoted two...he cited two cases in his opinion to rule that my bill, to allow sports wagering, is unconstitutional. One of the cases was a federal decision which is not the last word on any issue. It would bind courts only in the circuit where the opinion was given, and then it is not binding on all circuits, and somebody could take that issue to the Supreme Court. But the Attorney General stated that that court held that betting on a sporting event is a game of chance. Senator Abboud ought to read the cases, because what is in the head notes is not a part of the opinion. You will not find that statement, Senator Abboud, anywhere in that opinion that the dumbbell who wrote that decision said that it was in. You know why I call him a dumbbell, because he graduated from law school, took the Bar Exam and belongs to the Bar Association, and he'll cite something from the head note as though it is a holding of the court, and nowhere do you find those words in the courts opinion. Within that decision was the reference to a case, Kilburn versus somebody, a state court decision from the west part of the country. That case dealt with pinball machines, not betting on sporting events. And along the way, as an aside, the court said if a person bets on a baseball game or a foot race then the baseball becomes a game of chance, yet in the Attorney General's earlier opinion that he gave on an earlier bill of mine he, himself, stated that these athletic events themselves