

that between now and January 8th or 9th or 10th, 1988, when we come back, we can get our heads cleared of this whole machine issue, so we can come back and look at gambling in a wholesome, responsible fashion. We are like Luddites. Luddites were an eighteenth century English group of people who said that the reason that labor was losing work is because of the insertion of machines in the factories. And the Luddites went out and destroyed the machines in the factories to keep the jobs for the nonmachine people. That was their way of dealing with civilization was to destroy the machines. But we are like Luddites in here because we see the word "video", the word "machine", and somebody comes unglued and finally takes me to the point of becoming unglued and literally takes an Attorney General of the State of Nebraska for whom I have the highest respect and somehow traduces that office into coming out with opinions that are "schlocky" and intellectually dishonest as Senator Chambers so well pointed out. This bill ought not be bracketed, but ought to be passed and signed into law and we in turn ought to think through more carefully our positions on gambling.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I have a little bit of a heavy heart today because most of the time when I get up on the floor and I try to focus in on the issue, not get into personalities, for the most part, I think everyone does that. But, being an attorney, I realize sometimes when you don't have the facts, you don't have anything to support your case, sometimes you have to get personal, don't focus in on the issue, try to cloud the entire issue so that no one really understands it. It bothers me that the proponents of this particular amendment have chosen to do that. I've never supported the sales tax on the utilities. I opposed it when Senator Vard Johnson put it in a couple of years ago. I've never supported a video lottery since the first year I was here. I've always been an opponent of it. There have been proponents of lotteries and video lotteries in this body, but it hasn't been myself. I'm just trying to tell you what the laws and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska say, that's all I'm doing here today. Now if this body wants to pass an unconstitutional law, then so be it. But understand that the law clearly states, clearly states, that the Constitution prohibits gambling except in three particular instances. I'll admit to Senator Johnson, the statute that he amended is, in all likelihood, unconstitutional. It is unconstitutional, but by amending that particular section,