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as they correctly stated, these amendments, the Committee amendments, are a compromise to straighten out a number of problems that Bucchino, that everybody admits exist. I urge you to adopt them. The only thing my amendment does to those is put one additional point...the thing that was made most important in this letter from the Attorney General, it makes the highest grade misdemeanor rather than the lowest grade felony over a certain amount. That is what I think is reasonable. Now it may sound like a minor thing. It is not. The evidence, the prosecutions, the whole works are more effective if you're dealing with something of this nature. I think the prosecutor, and I'm speaking out of school maybe, I think the prosecutor up there in O'Neill is going to be faced with difficulties in proving the case. Under this system we're suggesting here, I think it would work much better. Now, Patrick, about my favorite pastime, believe me it's not football. But anyway, and I only bet one game a year and that's the Oklahoma-Nebraska game, and I always lose up until this year, when I didn't bet it and only \$50 anyway, Pat, what the heck, and I waited till the Orange Bowl to bet it. Well, anyway. So, I urge adoption of the amendment. I think it will make a lot more workable system. Remember the bill goes far beyond just betting on a football game. It addresses the whole problem of pickle cards. It addresses the whole problem of slot machines, lotteries, the whole works. We need the bill, and I think we need the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment to the Committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? We're voting on the first DeCamp amendment to the Committee amendments, LB 152. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the DeCamp amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The DeCamp amendment to the Committee amendments is adopted. The next...

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Venditte now moves to amend the Committee amendments. Would you like me to read the section, Senator? Senator Venditte moves to amend the Committee amendments by inserting a new section as follows: (Read Venditte amendment as found on Pages 1561 and 1562 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Before I recognize Senator Venditte, I would