

the FBI and some people like this. If this is indeed a problem, I will make a promise to you to make a correction under some design or scheme or another that they prepare that makes it workable. In addition, on Patrick's matter, Patrick, I make a commitment to you to seriously examine whether you want to go with the idea I suggested, which was basically local option which used to exist for all practical purposes. Maybe...maybe that's something that we can live with. Put an absolute limit maybe on the top, but leave it local option as to what they want to do on this subject. Maybe that's something. So, I urge you to advance the bill with those understandings. On the matter of the pickles, with your bingo halls and this kind of thing that Senator Fitzgerald and Senator Johnson are concerned about, Senator Johnson is specifically working with myself and I think Mr. O'Brien out of the Attorney General's office on correcting some problems I guess that exist in that area to make sure you can get some profits from these but they don't end up being abused.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We're discussing on a motion to advance the bill to E & R for Review. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't think the issue that Senator Labeledz raised is sufficient basis to hold this bill up. There is not really that much that the FBI is always going to do, and I found out, Senator Labeledz, on gambling investigations how poorly the federal attorney will draft an indictment because as a result of a poorly drafted indictment and a misleading letter from the Racketeers Division in Kansas City, a copy of which was sent directly to me, I embarked on what turned out to be a fruitless search covering over a year to obtain disclosure of certain grand jury information based on an indictment which implicated state officials. Now after going before a three-judge panel, it was found that there were no state officials involved. So, and that was one of the biggest gambling cases in the state. If that is an example of the type of investigative work which is done by the federal authorities, and they want Nebraska's law to serve as a vehicle for such a thing, I do not think that is a just basis for us jacking up penalties only for that purpose. You have not argued, nor has this Mr. Kropinsky argued that it requires a penalty of at least a year in the penitentiary or whatever he wants to properly punish somebody for gambling. He says you've got to tack on this heavy penalty in order that the federal government can come in. I don't think that is a just basis for those of us who sit in this Legislature to impose or attach harsh