

a number of legion clubs, veterans posts and social organizations. This bill would be opposed by some centers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. Members of the Legislature, my feeling about gambling is that it can be an evil. It has been recognized as an evil but the Constitution sanctifies gambling for Ak-Sar-Ben which is a quasi religious organization. It allows gambling in the churches which are ostensibly religious organizations but if some people who make no claim about religion sit in a back room where gambling ought to be conducted and they roll some dice or play some cards, they violate the law. How can that which is not a sin in church be a violation of the law in a back room? It is difficult for me to get the sense of it and that is why I gave you this little rhyme and it is based on something that Jesus did. This is the rhyme: "Chaplains out of the Legislature, doing that was simple, compared to trying to cast the bingo game out of the temple." If the churches exist for the purpose of advocating the principles of Jesus, then were Jesus to come into one of these churches today he would be run out of those churches. But in those old days when he dressed in a way that might be considered to be inappropriate today, he went in there with a whip or a scourge and drove the money changers out of the temple. He said, "My house is to be called of all nations a house of prayer and you made it a den of thieves." And he could have added gamblers and what-not. So either gambling should be available for everybody and it should be lawful for everybody or gambling should be illegal for everybody. But the state has made a compromise with certain powerful interests and said gambling will be all right for you but it is not going to be all right for these others. Now we're coming in with an additional compromise to benefit those who are supposed to be religious and who go for law and order and a virtual monopoly is what they desire. They cannot pass a bill that will allow only them to gamble. So what they want to do is put a crimp in the competition. Now you all know that in the rackets when one gangster comes into another gangster's territory there is bloodshed. The churches are like syndicates and we know that. On one side of the ocean the Pope reigns supreme. On this side of the ocean Billy Graham reigns supreme. So any time Billy Graham goes into the Pope's territory he does it on the Pope's terms. He might go to Russia or he might go to Italy and he does so by invitation and he does not step on anybody's toes. When he goes into somebody else's territory he will tell them, I'm preaching Jesus. This one is preaching Jesus and I want you to accept Jesus and go to any church where you can find Jesus, and by saying that he is not drawing people into his organization or making them followers of his so there is no religious bloodshed. If mobsters come into each others' territory and one says you're in dope