

SENATOR BECK: Yes, sir, it's extremely legitimate. It has been there for a long time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it have a name?

SENATOR BECK: Yes, it does.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May I have the name.

SENATOR BECK: You most certainly may, Senator Chambers. It's Holy Name.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, and some people are not going to like this, but the truth is the truth. We will have, in a lot of instances, posturing about the evils of gambling. If you talk about playing cards, shooting craps, betting on sporting events, then come all of the statements about the evils of gambling. And when I recommend a bill to allow sports betting I don't do it by saying this is going to help the churches, this is going to advance education, this is going to help the elderly and the poor and I'm going to take a very evil thing and hide it behind something which I want you to see is good to justify that evil. I never did that. But yet the people in this body will not support that kind of gambling. But everyplace you find certain churches, you find a gambling operation. Now, what they are trying to do with this bill is to get more money out of the gambling and I think it's impossible to bring a clean thing out of an unclean thing. I believe that the Legislature either should allow gambling for everybody or gambling for nobody. And I'm going to observe, as we proceed with this session, to see how we deal on these various issues. Senator Beck, are you still on your feet?

SENATOR BECK: Yes, sir, I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, may I ask you one more question.

SENATOR BECK: Most assuredly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beck, do you see gambling as a moral issue?

SENATOR BECK: I don't think that really has...it doesn't matter, Senator Chambers, what I think about gambling. It is