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SENATOR HALL: That is affiliated with the horse racing industry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now is horse racing, through Ak-Sar-Ben, controlled by those people who we would consider bluestocking, upper crust, and so forth?

SENATOR HALL: By your definition, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do the bingo operators have a similar function and activity where all of the stellar people in the society come and attend that?

SENATOR HALL: No, it tends to be a different clientele.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There was a song called "Different Strokes for Different Folks", would you say this might be an example of that?

SENATOR HALL: Very likely, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it seem that in this society, at least in Nebraska, who you are determines whether the activity you engage in is gambling of the kind that needs to be taxed?

SENATOR HALL: In many cases.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it also or might it also determine what kind of activity is considered gambling in the negative sense?

SENATOR HALL: Possibly. Not in my mind, but possibly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, now, I had made some reference to Thomas Aquinas, and I am not going to go into a discussion of anything that he has done or said specifically, but I would ask you a question. Based on the way you view gambling, is gambling, is gambling, is gambling?

SENATOR HALL: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, you see how easy it is for Senator Hall to just answer directly to those questions. Gambling is gambling no matter who does it, no matter under what disguise, however, we slice it, it is gambling. Either, now he didn't go into this because I didn't