

ask him the question, but he would had I, but I have run out of time. It is a moral issue all the way across the board, or it is not a moral issue anywhere. When they cast lots to see who was the bad fellow in the boat, Senator Beck, you know they came up with Jonah. When they were hanging Jesus up on the cross, they cast dice to see who was going to get his clothes. So we have always had this kind of activity but very rarely do we have the opportunity to consider it the way we are here today. Either we are dealing with a moral issue or we are not. If we are not dealing with a moral issue, then there is no reason to allow some to gamble, with the type they want to use, and prohibit others from engaging in the kind of gambling they want.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I will tell you one thing in this last 60 seconds that I have. The only kind of gambling that the state approves of is the dumb kind, meaning that it is in the nature of a lottery, whether it is called pickle, bingo, horse racing, or whatever, where you have all of the odds stacked against you. The vast majority must lose in order that a few can win. Those who run the games skim theirs off the top first, and let the fools who do the gambling scramble for the rest of it hoping they are going to hit, and we know in the beginning they are not, but the kind of gambling such as on athletic events, where you can use some study, and have a 50-50 chance of winning from the beginning is made illegal because it is somehow immoral. That which is rational is immoral. That which is stupid is moral. To do such a thing is to equate orthodoxy with stupidity, and that has been the course of this and other legislatures throughout this country.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Are there five hands? There are. Those in favor of closing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate cease? Record, please.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The vote has been announced. There was, obviously, a change at the last instant before that announcement was made. Under those circumstances, it does not cease at this