

people who claim to believe in it, because I think with those standards, there ought to be some things that are off limits, but then I am an outsider and a nonbeliever. The Bible, Senator Labeledz, does refer to some gambling. Jonah was on a ship, the ship was in trouble. Sailors were very superstitious. They felt that they would cast lots and the lots would be a means to determine who the bad fellow was and Jonah came up. So they threw him overboard and a fish ate him. (Laughter.) In churches they say a whale because they don't know the difference between a whale, which is a mammal, and a fish, which is not a mammal. The Bible says a fish, but don't they teach the little children that it was a whale, but churches are known to mislead children. That is the tactic. That is the purpose. While they are little and foolish and silly, you take advantage of them. You ought to let little kids start their little bingo games and take their pennies for the Lord. Let them have their little pickle card games for the Lord and follow the example of the preacher and the teacher, and if their conduct is too reprehensible for the children to follow, they probably shouldn't be engaging in it. Then we come up to the New Testament because we don't want to leave anybody out. And, Senator Langford, now you and I probably are closer to that time actually occurring than anybody else in here. Sometime we yearn for the days of the dinosaurs and the troglodytes and the dodo birds, the good old days, but in this instance, Jesus was hanging on the cross...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...doing whatever he is doing, just hanging out as Senator Hall says, and the soldiers are gambling, casting, shooting craps for his robe. Maybe that is why the churches say that gambling is all right because it was done by those who killed Jesus. So if it was good enough for the Christ killers, then certainly it is good enough for the church builders. These are hard things for me to rationalize and understand, but those who have those direct conduits to God and Christ and all these others that they worship have much more understanding than I do. However, because I don't see gambling as a positive good, and this is the dumb kind of gambling anyway, I am not going to support this, and what I also see is a fragile coalition to let Ak-Sar-Ben gallop across the finish line, so we have a situation of some very emaciated skinny jockeys carrying a big fat horse like Ak-Sar-Ben.