

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that is why we are doing everything we are doing here today. It kind of fits in with the idea of the church gambles but the children shouldn't.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, the more I listen to Ernie, I mean, to Reverend Ernie, I have to say that I can't help but think that maybe Ernie sometimes would like to tell us that be what I am, do what I do, say what I say, think what I think, act like I act, and your soul will be saved. If he believed in a soul, then I could believe everything he says sometimes, but I know he doesn't necessarily believe in that. But enough of that moralizing and preaching, let's just talk about gambling. I think Ernie takes a gamble every time he gets in his car to come to Lincoln sometimes, to tell you the truth.

SENATOR HALL: The rest of us sure do. (Laughter).

SENATOR LYNCH: But just for the record, it might be important to remind all of you that this is one of those bills where what you do or what you don't do makes and justifies why you should support all the amendments. For example, you know back in 1986, there was about 153 million plus wagered at the horses, and at that point in time, we took in four million, nine hundred, and if I can find the number here, four million, nine hundred and some thousand dollars in tax, almost \$5 million. This year, based on the charts that the Revenue Committee provided for us, there will be about \$153 million bet on horses, but there will be no tax collected. Now I hope you understand that whatever the margins are that's returned to the horses and in the case, I hope some of you listen to this and hear this, and in the case of the horses, it all goes back to the industry. It isn't collected in taxes, it goes back to the industry. So that means that right now there is probably about six million bucks, because that is the tax we should be collecting now, that is now going back to the industry to help them survive, to run these gambling operations which are sophisticated and effete, sometimes maybe even snobbish where kids are invited for that matter, and all those other good and bad things. And they don't pay a tax because we want to protect the industry, well, that is fine. I will support that except that you know if you pass 1059 without these amendments, next year that six million will grow