

nature and this, when we take the tax off of horse racing, actually it is a direct subsidy to agriculture, and that is about all that agriculture is going to get off of this floor in any given year out of a billion or two dollars that we spend. So how dare you suggest that agriculture not get this mere pittance in the form of a reduced tax on racing because, after all, who would eat all those oats out there and eat all that hay if we didn't have the thoroughbred. Now if you believe all that, then you have got your head in the oats bag farther than I think you do, and I know you don't, Senator Lynch. The facts are that I don't care if you bet on two flies crawling up the wall, but if the tax is supposed to be 5 percent, it ought to be 5 percent. Now Senator Chambers, I think, Senator Chambers, you allude somewhat facetiously but not entirely to the church I am a member of which is a very fine church and, of course, we believe in confession and so sin is not...is not damning for us. We can go to confession and we are forgiven. Now as a member of another church, as a friend of mine says, gambling is not a sin unless you give scandal, and when you give...and that is the sin, the actual scandal, and so that is what we have chosen to adopt here in the State of Nebraska. We act as though the gambling doesn't exist, Senator Chambers. Nobody would ever dare to bet on a football game, nobody. All those sheets that circulate around on Friday afternoon and Saturday are purely for...informational purposes, there you go. Thank you, Senator Chambers. A billion dollars, a billion dollars, roughly, in sport betting we close our eyes to. Probably one out of three tickets on pickles in this state are sold illegally. We close our eyes to the bootleg pickles, and we act as if, we act as if we are going to get a control on this. I will say one thing, I think I am probably going to support the amendment, because by reducing the tax, you'll probably make it a little more, a little less odious, and a little more likely that there be illegal pickles sold. One of the things that happened when we raised the tax, we said, oh, my goodness, we discourage the pickle industry. We didn't discourage the production of pickles. We just discouraged the use of legal pickles. That is what we did. We had legal pickles on the downgrade and illegal pickles were in vogue. Ladies and gentlemen, if you don't learn from experience, you have to repeat your errors. The State of Iowa decided they would have some kind of a gaming industry, and so they grabbed a hold of it and they established their gaming control mechanism and then they set up their gaming industry, and they distribute their pickles through the Department of Revenue. They buy them from a single source and the Department