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Haberman. Doctor, glad to have you. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Labedz, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I am confused, are we still on pickles?

PRESIDENT: No,...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Everybody seems to be talking about Ak-Sar-Ben,...

PRESIDENT: ...no, we are on pickles.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...including Senator Chambers. We are on pickles?

PRESIDENT: We are on the pickle cards now, yes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay, I just have a very brief message. Shortly before I went to talk to 57 students, I told Senator Chambers that he had better be careful what he says about bingo because Holy Ghost has bingos twice a week, I believe, and most of their tuition is paid by the bingo proceeds, and that if anything, they would probably get so angry they'd throw spitballs down on Senator Chambers. And it would...someone else said that it would look like snow because I am sure it wouldn't just be 57, it would go on and on and on. I sometimes stand here and resent some of the things that Senator Chambers says and today is no exception when he keeps attacking the Catholic religion. And, Senator Chambers, I am sure that if you checked at Ak-Sar-Ben or at any of the bingos or where they sell pickles, there would be every denomination there and it is strictly not just the Catholics that are gambling. I am sure that Senator Chambers from time to time has bet on football games himself and I will admit that I do, too. I go to the beauty shop and I get into a football pool for a dollar, no big deal. Now I suppose I am saying the wrong thing because I think what I am doing is...I can guarantee you I never win, that is for sure. But as far as bingo and pickles are concerned, when you see 57 children up in the balcony today from one Catholic school that depend so much on the proceeds from bingo and pickles. In my own church, that we don't have bingo but they did close St. Frances School and I go to St. Stanislaus and they combined both of those schools into St. Stanislaus, and so we don't even have bingo but we do sell pickles, Senator Chambers, at least once a year at our festivals but we don't have any