

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the line is drawn and we won't step beyond it. Ak-Sar-Ben doesn't realize that there is no line for this Legislature. You can back this Legislature to that wall and flatten them thinner than the thickness of a sheet of typewriter paper. Ak-Sar-Ben just is not willing to do that much at this point and, for that, I guess I should thank them, I should applaud them for their mercy, their charity and their consideration. They will not take the last shred of dignity from the Legislature just yet. They might need it two or three years from now and then they will take it. But until that day comes, I guess I should thank them for being kind enough not to completely and totally demean and degrade the Legislature or make the Legislature demean and degrade itself. We are not doing a service for the public.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Chambers, from time to time on this floor, not very often, Senator Chambers will cast a vote out of charity, from just the kindness of his heart. One of the things that Senator Chambers also speaks against, I was going to say rails but actually he lectures against, is hypocrisy. And so, Senator Chambers, in all honesty, it's very difficult for me to take a position that would be contrary to that which Senator Hall is proposing here today. Senator Rod Johnson; true agriculturalist that he is, suggested that if we had put an oat hopper on a video lottery machine that it could probably be called an agricultural benefit, and I'm going to work on that, Senator Rod. You know, one of the concerns we all have is whether or not what we do here today has any substantial and lasting benefit. Senator Richard Peterson, I think in a very excellent speech, pointed out that three years ago we were told that this ought to be sufficient to give us a chance to come back. Obviously, there have been many changes since that time. Senator Elroy Hefner pointed out the tremendous increase in the competition from other types of gambling. I would suggest, and I don't think anyone would disagree with me too much, that the principal competition which has damaged thoroughbred racing in the State of Nebraska is not necessarily the legal competition that we have but the illegal. Yes, it didn't hurt...it didn't help any to have lotteries legalized in Iowa, to have a dog track in Iowa, a dog and a horse track in Kansas City, to have a lottery in South Dakota, to have a lottery in Kansas. Those