

some kind, goes on a vendetta against an individual bookie or something of that nature and decides to put that person out of business and, of course, that thereby enhances the business of the rest of the bookies and the rest of the illegal operators. Witness the fact that Mr. Hirsch said there's 5,000 illegal machines in the state, and no one does anything about it. Witness the fact that Mr. Hirsch is the gentleman who testified at one time that three out of four, ladies and gentlemen, pickles sold in this state are illegal. Where do they come from? Bootleggers and counterfeiters. I understand that the committee is going to study it. Did anyone really believe that the study will come up with anything other than what they already have? I do not think so. We know that once the amendment was attached, those of you who voted for it, I think, were convinced that the state ought to be doing this rather than to allow any individual who wants to do so to be involved in the business. But once the amendment was attached they came out of the woodwork, as they have the right to do, they hired themselves a very effective lobbyist, as they have a right to do, and they are now proceeding to strip from the bill the most meritorious part of this entire bill. Ladies and gentlemen, I want to serve notice on you. I do not engage in illegal gambling, but witness the way you treat the pickle business. I will get into the pickle business, if I get the opportunity. Witness the way you treat the keno games. I will get into the keno business, if I get the opportunity. Witness the way you treat bingo, I guess, I don't know if I can get into bingo or not, but I would get into that, because I would guarantee you that if I were a part of that, it would be the most closely watched and closely supervised kind of gambling activity that ever took place in the State of Nebraska. Senator Hall had an amendment for the keno business last week which says we're going to regulate and control the equipment that can be used in pursuit of keno, and you threw it out the window. But you failed to recognize that an administrator had been using that equipment on a so-called test basis for several months. And had it not been for Senator Hall calling attention to it, it would be in operation today. What this body is saying is we do not want to regulate, we do not want to license, we do not want to control, we do not want to make legitimate those types of gambling which we have. The ability to print pickles, ladies and gentlemen, is like running the mint. A dollar pickle is like a dollar bill, would you, by any stretch of the imagination, imagine that the federal government would allow me to enter into the business of printing money and selling it