

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if Ak-Sar-Ben is suffering these losses, let's give the best possible scenario, and no additional losses occur because of more dollars going to keno and all these other forms of gambling that you mentioned, and those forms help take away money, but let's lay that aside, and say that this new person comes in. If Ak-Sar-Ben has been steadily sliding downward, if this person would just stop the downward slide and Ak-Sar-Ben do as well next year as they did this past year, that, in a sense, would be an improvement if they had been going steadily downhill, wouldn't it?

SENATOR WILL: In a sense.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that would mean they would only lose \$1,300,000?

SENATOR WILL: If they just simply stayed the same, yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that they are going to do more than just stay where they are now, they are actually going to stop and go upward?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: One minute.

SENATOR WILL: That would certainly be my hope.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you believe that will happen?

SENATOR WILL: I believe it is possible. I don't know if it will happen or not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Will, you have been in this Legislature for a good long time, even before you were a senator, and you have a reputation for being logical and intelligent when it comes to these matters, that is why I am asking you what you believe, not what you hope. Would you...well, I don't have enough time, so I will make a comment, and then if I get a chance, I will ask you the question because it wouldn't be fair to ask it without you having enough time to respond to it. Members of the Legislature, this is bad public policy. We are being asked to be bitten by the same dog, after having been bitten I don't know how many times. I don't know how many times, and not once when they have made a promise has the promise borne out the way they made it. Every time they say