

25 votes in this body to move on. So at this time I would urge the body to not support the kill motion, let's take it up, let's talk about it and let's see where we're headed in this state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, it's a funny thing how gambling, which is a voracious monster and it gobbles up people's wherewithal, is now being reflected by this bill which can gobble up a lot of the Legislature's time and based on that I probably would vote against Senator Hall's motion, but I'm going to vote for it because I think gambling, whether you consider it right or wrong, gambling of this kind is stupid. The only form of gambling which might have a degree of rationality is sports betting by which you have a fifty-fifty chance of winning. It's not like this stupid church sponsored, charity sponsored gambling where the vast majority have to win in order that one or two...lose in order that one or two might win. Senator Hall, your bill and others in the past have brought together saints and sinners, those who sit on the bar stools, those who sit in the church pew, those in the church house, those in the cat house. When it comes to money, as Senator Hall said, they all see it the same way, they all jump in that dirty pot and they want to get it. This gambling is not a tax. This gambling is exploiting the greed and the desire of people, sometimes in dire straits, to get that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. We know that this is not a tax. A tax would be more like a farmer who has to plow, prepare the ground, plant seeds, water, tend the plants, harvest, then convert it into some value-added product. What Senator Hall wants you to do is create a situation where people are like hogs coming to the trough, Senator Jensen. All they know is that the slop is there and they're going to try to get their bit of it without doing anything. Well I want to tell young Senator Hall and all of my colleagues that it takes a lot more effort to be a farmer than it takes to be the farmer's hog and we should not be about encouraging people to be hogs. I got a couple of questions I'd like to ask Senator Hall, if I might.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hall, was your bill in committee when