

receive benefits from the sale of pickle cards and bingos and other types of gambling operations.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Do you consider these parties involved the only people to have the input in this, in any type of gambling bill that we put out there? Why do we not we as senators have something to say about setting policy about this? And I think you and I talked about that many times and I get a little upset to think that only the outside parties involved have the right to set policy for us here.

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, members, Senator Robak, I think I alluded to that in my opening when I said that there's a compromise with regard to the proposal before it becomes the body's to deal with, and that's where the policy ought to be set.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay. I hate to take up all of my time, but I just kind of want to make a point here and you did speak about meeting with those who had an interest in this over the weekend. You spoke with those parties involved that had an interest in this. You did not speak with any constituent or individual people, did you not? In my district, my district favors this type of gambling. I get more phone calls and more letters on this supporting it than against it and I think you and I have discussed that many times too. Not one of these people, except the special interest groups were involved in setting the policy and setting in some sort of conversation with you on this. And I just wonder why we can't have some of our own input into this gambling bill.

SENATOR HALL: Well, Senator Robak, we do and that's what this...we're beginning that debate and when the bill comes out and the amendments are presented, hopefully it won't be killed today and that's where your constituents have input because they've talked to you...

SENATOR ROBAK: That's right.

SENATOR HALL: ...mine have talked to me and that's where we form the policy...

SENATOR ROBAK: I take umbrage...

SENATOR HALL: ...and we do it here on the floor where it