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SENATOR ROBAK: ...when it says somebody is compromising with some other interest group in order to have a gambling bill. That certainly isn't true. And I know that Senator Chambers opposes a gambling bill of any sort and I oppose the bill motion. There's some sort of misconception or perception out there that gambling preys on the poor people. Well I don't know why we so-called rich people have the arrogance to say how poor people don't know how to spend their money. They know how to spend their money just as well as you and I do, if we're poor or rich, I don't know, but I think that that's a little bit arrogant...

SENATOR HALL: You might be rich, but I'm not.

SENATOR ROBAK: ...(inaudible) I think you...it's the other way around. But I think it's a little arrogant to say that the poor people don't know how to spend their money because I think they do. It isn't just poor people that are going to gamble. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: That's accurate, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Hall, don't sit down. Madam Chairman, members of the body, Senator Hall, if you would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Absolutely.

SENATOR WITEK: I know this was very thoroughly discussed in committee and I wonder what solution your committee came up with, or General Affairs came up with when faced with the likelihood of the volunteer fire departments losing basically all the money that supports them now, how are we going to replace that?

SENATOR HALL: Madam President and members, Senator Witek, the proposal that I put forward in 851 and the charities were taken care of in both bills as they were advanced out of committee. Actually 851 was the only one that took charities into