

Who is going to profit from this? The house always wins and the house is whoever controls the game. So when the state gets involved in gambling as the house, the state is not engaging in community betterment but rather community detriment. You will hear the Governor, you will hear ministers, you'll hear senators even go around and say that gambling is not good for youngsters, yet we want to justify it here by saying it's going to do so much good for the youngsters. You try to prettify that which can't stand on its own basis. You put sugar coating on medicine so that people won't taste it, you disguise the taste and smell of bitter almonds as much as you can if you're going to get rid of a spouse and you don't want to do it by way of divorce because that takes too long or you're too angry, so gambling is always one of those things that those who support it want to make as alluring as possible. Somehow everybody wins and nobody loses, yet we have organizations like Gamblers Anonymous. We read in the paper where people lose the rent money, they lose the doctor money and then they have to find another way to get it. There's a guy named Ovid who lived many, many years ago, if he lived at all, and he was writing about romantic activities and he talked about the person who always gets his heart hurt and he said that person is like the gambler who rolls the dice and loses and rolls them and loses yet again, trying to win. There is no way to win consistently in gambling. Even with sports betting the smart bettor has to know that when you're on a roll and you're winning, don't think you're going to beat the bookie, don't think you're going to beat the odds, you're not going to do it. There seems to be something perverse in the principles that govern gambling which assure that whoever continues is definitely going to lose. Senator Hall is an architect. He is an architect along with other state and local officials and they are building a card house, meaning a place to go gamble and we know, Senator Hall, that it can come crashing down like a house of cards. In a session where we're talking about welfare bills and the problems of poor people and the inclination of those who don't have much to try to rapidly expand that by making a wager or buying these pickle cards or betting on the lottery or whatever other foolish form of gambling they'll pursue. We have bills talking about taking people's drivers' licenses, professional licenses because they won't pay child support. We have other bills that relate to various crimes, many of which have their roots in a bad economic situation. Then we're going to take a bill that encourages gambling, that says the state is a part of the gambling machinery, therefore, you have to presume that we're talking