

minds of most of the people in the Legislature and on the street who have no idea of the well-heeled interests who are pushing this issue. That is why these matters come up repeatedly before this Legislature and others. The amounts of money made by those who will indirectly at least prey upon those who have a problem with gambling are the driving force. Nobody can say that gambling is good. They can say it but there would be no validity to it. Senator Hall is a cagey, young devil. I started to say old, but he's not old yet. Old in knowledge but young in years. You know what Senator Hall reminds me of, those acts where you go and somebody is up on a stage and they say, I have an individual who will catch a bullet in his or her mouth. So what I'm going to do is let you mark this bullet, then we're going to fire that bullet from a rifle and let you see that that person caught this bullet. And they mark, they carve a mark in the lid of the bullet, the projectile part and show it to everybody. Then when he one loads it into the gun that bullet is palmed. The real bullet is palmed and while you do all this talking and arranging the individual you pass that to the individual who is going to catch the bullet. And you're there getting them all ready and putting them in front of the bull's-eye to make sure they're where they're supposed to be, then they could cough or anything, because you don't pay attention to them, then they take another bullet, in quotes, and it has gun powder, but on the end of it is a substance made of wax or other material which when you fire it through the barrel will vaporize. So in effect you're firing a blank. And when the report of the rifle is heard and this person's head flies back, and the master of ceremonies walks over there and takes this bullet out of that person's mouth and it's the one that was marked, everybody is in awe, wow, didn't even break the teeth, didn't go down the throat, they couldn't even see it but they caught the bullet. And the trick has amused and amazed people down through the years. Senator Hall is really not playing Russian roulette, Senator Hall is the ring master. Senator Hall has a cartridge and he puts it into the cylinder and spins it. This is not a round that he palms, it's a dud, so he doesn't have to worry about anybody seeing him take it out. There is no powder in it, so even if the hammer fell on it there's not going to be any projectile shot into his brain. Senator Hall is one of those people who, unless he has just blundered terrible, will not ask a question if he doesn't know fairly well what the answer is going to be. Much is riding on this bill, Senator Hall knows this, and those people out in the lobby know it too. Do you think they would agree to a procedure...