

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Wesely, your light is next, followed by Senators Chambers, Will and Witek.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. Very briefly, first off I want to express my admiration for Senator Hall on the way he's handled the issue. He always comes up with a colorful quotes, the ones about the...letting this one sleep and pulling the covers over and previously rather not torture the bill just shoot it and get it over with. And I think now we're trying to bring it back from the dead. And I think, as he has indicated, it's probably a mistake. Let me tell you that when we voted to kill this bill it was one of the biggest surprises in my years in the Legislature. I was in shock, probably not as much as Senator Hall, but I certainly was in shock. But it was also one of the proudest moments in my years in the Legislature. And we have since seen a very positive response, at least in some of the editorials and I felt very good for this body having taken that action. So although I know there's a lot of disappointment and people feel we need more gambling and that we are having a revenue loss, I think those are all points that Senator Hall has made that are true and correct, I nevertheless feel that in the long-term best interests of this state expanding gambling is not a good direction to take. Limiting gambling is, I think, longer term in our best interest. So I will oppose the effort to revive the bill. And again I praise those who voted to kill the legislation and I praise Senator Hall for putting it to us in that fashion and giving us a chance to straight up and up front make a decision. I think we should stick by that decision. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, naturally I'm against the motion to revive this bill. But I want to tell Senator Jensen something. When Senator Jensen ran for this office he made some disparaging statements about me, which I'm not angry about, but tying me to his opponent, well the World-Herald, early in his career, tied his name to mine. He's doomed, he's through. And what I ought to do is vote for this motion so that the World-Herald editors will not put my name in an editorial. The rest of you all lived for that, you love it, you pray for the day the World-Herald will write an editorial favorable to you. It hurts me, it hurts me, does me no good, it's like driving a stake through the heart of