

enough, Jim, I don't want to...you know, the point is made. You know, we don't know really, people don't know and understand sometimes, when they get to these issues, what they really mean.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: And what we're trying to do here...what we're trying to do here is moralize for them. We're trying to impose our own standards, which in a lot of cases are very good, good standards, sometimes better standards than most. But nevertheless, we deny a fundamental right of people on any issue if we say we know better than you. Then we point to our own hypocrisy. Everybody in this room will point to your own hypocrisy if you say, but gambling is different, they shouldn't vote on that, but will vote on merging city-county government. I could give some other examples, I only use that one because that is not an initiative petition, it is in fact a CA. I've got a heck of a lot more to say, so I'm going to put my light on again because there is an awful lot of devil in the details, and I think we should talk about those. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I'd just like to respond to a few things. Senator Janssen, my good friend Senator Janssen mentioned the gambling in the smoke-filled rooms, and he mentioned horse racing. And, yes, there has been gambling in bars and in back rooms for many years. LR 43CA is not going to stop that. One thing that does happen, however, when you expand gambling, legalize gambling, also there follows along illegal gambling in a direct proportion to that gambling that is legalized. That is pointed out in many studies. Senator Cudaback mentioned that he has concern about the voters and about the children and the kids in his community. Well, I do, too. And I only want you to know that despite the laws in Atlantic City restricting casinos to persons 21 years and over. A survey of teenagers in Atlantic City revealed that 64 percent of the teenagers had gambled in a casino. In 1991, an Atlantic City casino ejected 21,000 persons under the age of 21 and prevented 200,000 others from entering. And a survey of teens in Atlantic City showed that 64 percent had gambled in a local casino, 21 had visited casinos more than 10 times, 9 had visited within the last week, and 40 percent had gambled in casinos before the age of 14. If you have concern about the