

with which people gamble costs money, but the lobbyists never talk to you about that, and when we discuss it on the floor, we talk about the money coming out of people's pockets, going into the slot machine, but there are others who make tremendous amounts of money whenever this kind of gambling is legalized and they are one of the major driving forces, but they are never brought out into the light because they are smart enough to stay in the background. People talk about the Mafia and the mob, and other terms like that, and get the impression that if some nickel and dime politician or some person on the street condemns or criticizes the mob that a contract is put out on them, they don't have time for small potatoes and peanut heads. They're interested in the places where true power will reside, and they are not interested in dressing, walking, and talking in a way that will let you know who and what they are. They work through people who are often naive and innocent and don't realize that they are being used. There are people on this floor being used. They will make you think this is just like any other legislative issue, just keep the bill alive to let it get onto Select File, without telling you that that means more money for me, because just like a lawyer being paid a contingent fee, I get such and such a percentage for filing the action if you win. But if we have to go to appeal before you win, I get a larger cut. What do you think these lobbyists are doing, and how do they stay at the top in terms of making money? They trick, they beguile, they bamboozle naive, innocent, Midwestern fools known as senators who think they are playing with the big boys because the big boys are using them in their marble game. They are not going to take you into their inner circle. They are not going to explain to you the dynamics that are really at work on these kind of bills. Nobody cares about Nebraska outside Nebraska, nobody respects Nebraska outside Nebraska, except those interests that can draw and drain the money out of the boobs and rubes within Nebraska, and that's what it is that we are really talking about. I don't even have to get into anything like morality, or undermining the fabric of the family, or hurting traditional values. Those are legitimate issues, but those are not the things that the money grabbers are interested in, and they love to have you talk about that because you never look at the one whose pockets are very deep and very expandable and which pockets will be filled by this kind of legalization. You will notice, Senator Wickersham mentioned to me how I have brought bills to legalize sports betting and I have. And I explained to him when I first came to the Legislature, I opposed