

much because I am now a member of the reformed member of Talkers Anonymous and I started a group in my office downstairs, if anybody wants to join, why, you can also be part of that recovering group. But I fell off the wagon and I decided to talk a little bit. I guess my point is that I think it's arrogant to think that the poor don't know how to manage their money. All I've heard here was we're protecting the poor people. Well, who are the poor people? I don't have a lot of money. Who are the poor people? I think it's the height of arrogance to say that we have to protect the poor people, they don't know how to manage their money. There's probably middle class people that are gambling, and maybe rich people gamble. I don't know. Take a cross-section vote of...get a profile of the gambler, I don't know what they are. But I just know that they're mostly, maybe in my district, a lot of women like to gamble because they're past the age of playing nine holes of golf and they don't want to sit in a three hour dinner at some exclusive restaurant some place. They have fun, they have their money in this little purse and they gamble this much and they put it over here, their winnings. They know exactly how much they've won or lost, and my mother is one of them. My mother loved the horse races. Until she lost her eyesight she was there every day of the races, every day of the races. She visited every racetrack in the state, even out of state. She loved the races. So I really I...maybe she's poor, maybe I should have protected her all these years and said, Mom, don't do that, sit home and rock or do something old people are supposed to do. But she liked the races so, you know, we just indulged her and she knew every, read the form better than I ever learned how to do. She likes bingo too, incidentally. Well, I'll just have to say that I think that this argument that we're protecting the poor is...it's not rationale because I don't know what poor is, and I think the poor people are not poor because they gamble. There's a lot of reasons why people are poor. They can't get a job for one thing. Their jobs are low paying, they have to work for minimum wages. They probably aren't even gambling. The poor people that I know don't gamble, they spend their money on paying for the kids' shoes and whatever they need to pay their grocery bills because they don't have any money to gamble. But they're, they're poor, I guess, so we have to, we have to tell them how they can spend their money. Whatever you do, don't go to a horse race or don't go to the tracks or don't go to a slot machine, whatever you do don't play keno or pickles, which is already legal here in the state.