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Chambers, on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is what happens when we get into gambling. There is more involved here than just the gambling among the suckers. There are other business entities who make money by virtue of the existence of gambling. When the lottery first came through there were big machine operators in other parts of the country who were bankrolling the acceptance of the constitutional amendment because they wanted to sell the machines. It is naive to think that this gambling only involves these so-called charitable operations. There is much more involved. We cannot even get the truth of where amendments come from on this floor. That's what's involved in this kind of thing. You want to make gambling glorified. You want to talk about the good it does for charities. Then, when the big money people are involved, they hide out and they send an amendment on Select File, the consequence of which is unclear, and the body is to accept it because it's on a bill that deals with charitable gambling. If you put the right cloak or mantle on a thing then you can almost get it a free ride. But I want to look at this language some more that we're dealing with. Why should not a person, who is going to rent you equipment, tell you the conditions under which it ought to be rented? I know that there are some people who probably don't take a great amount of interest in this discussion because it involves gambling, but it ties into other things we have done, and we're going to deal with one of those bills later on, on Select File. You-all don't want these machine people to be able to require a person to enter into an exclusive contract? What are you doing for the car dealers? By statute, you are saying that no citizen in this state can buy a car from somebody in another state unless it's delivered exclusively by a Nebraska dealer. You've done that and I told you what you were doing the other day, and I told you others might want the same kind of consideration and you disregarded it. So now you're going to grant exclusivity for these car dealers. Then you're going to say, but this machine operator cannot put into a contract an agreement which a person is free to accept or not to accept. Is there only one company that makes these machines? Let me ask a question of whoever and...Senator Lynch, I'd like to ask you one question and it can be answered quick...briefly so you don't even have to have