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coming from those pickle tickets. Whether it's right or wrong, whether you believe in it or not, that's where it's coming from. The problems are not coming from charitable gaming, they're not coming from keno. They're coming from across the river. Gets your heads out of the sand because that's where it's coming from, and I don't know how we can help compulsive gambling much longer with the decline in the revenues...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...from the types of gaming we have in this state. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your amendment to the Senator Quandahl amendment to LB 659.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, what we have going on here is a fight between two crime families--the Bonanno Family, the Genovese Family. And we have Sam Giancana as the go-between. That's Bill Mueller. He's just trying to facilitate this and make some money. Remember how I was telling you the bookie tries to get that little vigorish? Well, lobbyists make money wherever they can, but the Legislature has a responsibility to enact wise and just laws and to avoid unwise legislation. I think the adoption of my amendment is irrelevant, as I pointed out earlier, but I needed to offer that amendment to gain enough time for us to have more discussion of Senator Quandahl's underlying amendment. I don't think his ought to be adopted. I think mine should. If you're going to vote for Senator Quandahl's amendment, you ought to at least take away this redundant language that I'm trying to take away. We don't write a statute and use a word which has a clearly understood meaning and then define that word in the statute. We would not say, for example, that we must have clean water in Nebraska. That means any water which is wet that comes out of a well must be clean. We know that water is wet. I'm not going to take my full five minutes on my amendment. As a matter of fact, I think I'll just withdraw it. No vote was taken on mine. There has been some debate. Then we'll be looking at Senator Quandahl's underlying amendment. So, Mr. President, I'm going to withdraw mine.