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but think that most of you really don't honestly feel that way, but somebody is getting to you. I'm not sure who they are but somebody is getting to you. And it does concern, and it does bother me, but I do want to reiterate that I think if we wind up with nothing else in my bill except this \$500,000 to help those poor souls that are addicted, then some good will have come from all of this debate. We didn't talk a lot of...a long time on this particular issue, and we could have talked a lot longer. And I think we'll work on you, we really will.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: And maybe I'll find a way, like some of us on the floor can, to talk and talk and talk and talk and maybe even be specific about the legislation we're talking about as we debate these kinds of issues, rather than history or whatever else it might be. But this is an issue you have to face. I would like to see the people in Nebraska have a chance to vote on gambling, but there are some of you who are so opposed to gambling you don't want to give people a chance to voice their opinion. Isn't that right? It would hurt you if gambling passed, so if you have a vote here in the Legislature to prevent them from having the right to vote, you would probably exercise it. You ought to be ashamed of yourself if that's the case. Don't ask us to vote on things that you know you want and know will pass and then deny people the right to vote on issues that you don't want to have happen. That's not a very good attitude, whatever church you go to. So, ladies and gentlemen, I do hope you support this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Chambers, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm against gambling, too. My philosophy is gambling for everybody or gambling for nobody. I had told Senator Lynch I would support his bill. I would not support keno. I would never support keno. That would have been an expansion of gambling. I didn't say that I would support an expansion of it, and I know that there were other forces, not just across the river, but in Omaha, who were putting pressure to make that keno amendment be palatable. So there are all kinds of things that