

spells out the method in which lotteries can be conducted. Essentially the section requires that it be conducted by a nonprofit organization, exempt from taxation whose activities are primarily for charitable community betterment purposes. This language is in harmony with the most recent Supreme Court decisions concerning lottery cases that have arisen in the last few years. The remainder of the section limits the way in which the gross proceeds of conducting a lottery may be used. It places a specific monetary limitation of 25 percent of the gross proceeds upon expenditures for operating costs at the present time. The game is, you supposedly have a lottery, all the proceeds are taken up in operating expenses, the charity gets nothing, it's just a sham. This, of course, is designed to prohibit the operation of a lottery that is allegedly conducted for charitable or community betterment purposes, but whose operation, in fact, serves other purposes. This portion of the section is designed to overcome the difficulty encountered in the lottery cases in the Supreme Court wherein the Court determined that the present language of the statutes governing the operation of law for lotteries was not sufficiently clear, blah, blah, blah, we believe that this clears it up". Thus, in summarizing, the Attorney General's letter says the amendments attempt to accomplish the following and to take care of loopholes that exist in current laws, to provide more reasonable penalties for these offenses, to tighten up the current lottery provisions, to eliminate the difficulties that have been encountered relating to pickle cards and punch boards. So where is the area of controversy in the bill? I'll lay it right out for you here. Mr. Bucchino, City Prosecutor, City of Omaha, and I guess the World Herald in an editorial supporting him said, we want to keep a felony provision. Now Mr. Bucchino admitted at the hearing, everybody that appeared at the hearing stated, hey, the present things are unworkable. You have to change them, you do have to straighten out these things. The only real issue was whether we should have felony or misdemeanor. When the Attorney General and that group wrote this, they came up with the high-grade misdemeanor. I'm moving it up to the highest grade misdemeanor. I believe that's reasonable. What about the raids? Maybe they're...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Maybe the raids last night are the best proof of what I'm saying. I have contended that if you run out...if you run out of this state, or scare out these little bookies, whatever you want to call them in the Niobraras, the O'Neills, the Valentines, the wherever,