

there are going to be some changes, but the amendment is just being drafted now and we didn't get them back here in time. I didn't think we would get up to 408 so quickly. So I am going to suggest that we accept the committee amendments as they are written and we did all come into an agreement on some changes on those that volunteer without compensation to sell pickle cards, say at a festival or at a Legion Hall or any of the organizations and also a clarification of a member and a couple other changes. But since we don't have the amendment here, I suggest that we accept the committee amendments and I am sure that on Select File we will all be in agreement on the suggested changes. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Fine. Thank you. I understand we do have at least one amendment to the committee amendments so we will start with those.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, these are your amendments on page 1405 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, we do have an amendment to the committee amendment and these are ideas that were submitted by the Revenue Department after the Revenue Department reviewed the committee amendments. A new section is added to the bill and this section clarifies that the state tax of 2 percent on the gross proceeds received from conducting a lottery and this would be by a nonprofit organization. Raffle or pickle card lottery must come out of the 10 percent of the gross proceeds allowed for the expenses. This law is not as clear as it should be, but this has always been the Legislature's intent. The department has always construed this section to mean that but has had problems recently convincing some of the organizations that this indeed was the Legislature's intent. The amendment also defines a week as seven consecutive days for the purpose of enforcing a two-time per week restriction on bingo occasions. And then in the other parts of the amendment the Attorney General and the county attorneys are given the duty to prosecute violations of the Nebraska Bingo and Lottery Control Act. Any prosecution must be instituted within 18 months from the time that the offense was committed. The department may also call any