

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

SENATOR HEFNER: I believe that is the best way to proceed.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question before us is the adoption of the Hefner amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Hefner's amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Hefner amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. Now...

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conway would now move to amend the committee amendments. (The Conway amendment appears on pages 1506-07 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, now, Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to present to you an amendment to the committee amendments that are now...have been advanced. What this amendment simply does and it hasn't been printed in the Journal, but I can basically present it to you. It basically says that the allowable expenses shall be included in the tax on gross proceeds described in Sections 9-184. What this amendment does basically is there has been over a period of time as we found in local communities and the various groups who have been conducting these activities administering this particular set of rules and regulations that have gone along with the pickle and bingo activity, and particularly in the pickle area, the limit has been a 10 percent for administrative costs for the...in the pickle category. And what we have found in many cases is some confusion as to whether or not the state tax was a part of that 10 percent and there has been quite a bit of confusion out in the various areas of the people administering that whether or not that 10 percent did or did not include the 2 percent. We are clarifying this in my amendment that the state tax is not a part of the 10 percent and, therefore, the 10 percent that is allowed for administration would be directly for administration, not including and where we have the allowable expense categories in this 10 percent that we are not including state tax as part of that 10 percent. If