

pertinent at this time.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The Chair will say that you are correct, Senator Marsh. I had recognized Senator Hoagland and I continue to recognize you, Senator Hoagland, on Senator Warner's motion to reconsider.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: It is getting late and I don't want to belabor this bill any more. I would just like to make a short statement about what I see...what I perceive to be a problem that I don't think is being covered in these amendments. Several of us, 12 or so of us, introduced a bill to prohibit casino gambling because the Attorney General in August of last year ruled that there was this loophole in the Nebraska statutes that allowed nonprofit organizations to conduct casino gambling, and I think as this bill was originally considered by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, the limit of one event a month, no more than \$1,000 per event, was placed on the whole blackjack, roulette, poker kind of casino gambling, and, as I understand it, this amendment has been changed now so that it doesn't change the current law with respect to casino gambling, and the purpose of the Hartnett amendment is to be sure that Bellevue is able to continue the kind of game it has down there which is one form of the loosely described casino gambling category, and I wonder if maybe we can't amend this bill at some point, and it is probably too late to fashion the amendment tonight, but perhaps on Final Reading, so that all forms of casino gambling except perhaps the Bellevue form, if that is necessary to pass the bill, is going to be limited to one event a month, no more than \$1,000 per event, so we can deal with that loophole that we have in Nebraska law. I just want to alert the body to that particular problem, and if there is time, will offer an amendment to that effect, again leaving the Bellevue operation alone because I don't think we have any choice, politically, but at least tightening up the rules and defining the rules with respect to roulette, and blackjack, and so on, and so forth. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, I remember specifically asking where the definition of casino was and there was no definition. And I think this amendment is being offered strictly so that Bellevue can have casino gambling but nowhere else in the state. And