

purchaser of those services, but that would be a taxed item.

SENATOR HIGGINS: What about the pickle and bingo laws or issues that are in this bill?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, the pickle-bingo taxes are paid by the purchasers and the purchasers of the pickles and the...of the pickles, and the purchasers are not the ultimate purchasers of the pickles, but instead the...usually the charities themselves that are then going to sell the pickles to the ultimate purchasers.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So if we do not enact this bill, it would go back to the present statutes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yeah, if you don't enact this bill what happens is that we continue to have a problem in the pickle-bingo arena and that's one of the things that the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee wanted to address.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you wish to leave your motion up here, Senator Higgins?

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, I'll withdraw the motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Do you have anything else?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to return the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I'd just like to make a couple of comments in reference to that motion, to return the bill to strike the enacting clause. First of all, I think if you'd go back and recall the evening that Senator Vard Johnson offered his 180-page amendment, if you will remember the sequence of events that happened, it was not one of the finest hours of this Legislature. There was a tremendous flurry of excitement and the reversal of previously held positions over the long years I think has to be taken only as a tribute to the voracity, if not the audacity, perhaps, of my good friend Senator Vard Johnson. And I would, as I have said many times, taken his word for what