

growth is not too rapid and inefficient but rather that it can be done in a relatively orderly manner and that is the argument.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Harris, please. (Gavel.) The Chair would respectfully request again that the noise level be kept to a very minimum. It is getting pretty noisy in here. Senator Harris, please.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the Schmit amendment. I have been doing a little work in the area of the pickles enforcement and, in my opinion, there is a large amount of money that is not being kept track of by the State of Nebraska, not being turned in by the individuals. We need more enforcement in this area instead of less enforcement and, in my opinion, we are looking at a great reservoir of future revenues for the state. In case some of you have missed what is going on in the video slot lottery, lottery in the form of these pickle cards, there is a great deal of revenue going on around us in the area of gambling, the dog track in Council Bluffs being one example. We have a large multi-multimillion dollar gambling business going on in the State of Nebraska without having adequate revenue generation for the state or adequate controls. They are asking for these controls to be put into place. The amount of money that is being asked for by Senator Schmit is very reasonable, necessary, and I think will work to a long term benefit of possible new revenue source for the State of Nebraska. I strongly support the Schmit amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members...there's really nothing wrong with that but I just don't like to borrow anyone else's microphone. It's not rigged right. The bugging device is in this one and I want to be sure that everyone knows what is going on. I really don't have any deep sense of disagreement with Senator Warner because I concur with what he has said that sometimes it doesn't do any good just to throw dollars at a problem. On the other hand, we all recognize that the reason that we have decent law enforcement in this state with the highway patrol is because we have sufficient personnel out there to maintain surveillance on Highway 79 and so I just drive along 55 miles an hour. Now, if I knew there was only going to be one trooper there every six weeks, I may just be tempted to cheat a bit. What I am saying is this, we have before us solid evidence of substantial cheating. I do not know, I have no way of