

SENATOR SCHMIT: But the point I want to make is this. I have talked to the people who sell the pickles. I have talked to the people who have been involved in various other kinds of gambling and I can tell you very honestly that we are collecting only a minuscule portion of the tax which is due to the State of Nebraska. Now, I don't care what you do. You already put me out of business. But if you are going to run a legal, legitimate kind of gambling business and you have got a legal, legitimate kind of tax, then you ought to, by golly, pursue it and collect it. If not, forget the charade and let it all be wide open, let it all be wide open. There are some other areas I might suggest you could tax later on which I will get to later on. But I think that...I would like to see the 40,000 stay there. I would like to have Senator Warner and the Appropriations Committee and the Revenue Committee check with this young lady who has that division. I would like to have them talk to her. If they think it isn't going to be used wisely, then I think that...

SENATOR CARSTEN: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we can do it...we can take care of it next January, but I would like to give them a chance. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Schmit's amendment because I feel we need to leave that \$40,000 in this law enforcement fund. Some of the industry appeared before our committee, the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, last year or two years ago, I forget how long ago it's been. But, anyway, we had been charging a 2 percent of their...a 2 percent tax and then we raised it to 3 percent tax so that we could put more money into the law enforcement department. And this would be to enforce the laws that we have from the charitable gaming division. I think that it's starting to work. I think right now if we remove that 40,000 that it will hinder them some. I realize that we are taking in more money than what we had planned on, but, nevertheless, I think that we need to leave this \$40,000 in and tell them that we really need law enforcement on the lottery and pickle card industry. I think if we do that, we will find that we will be taking more money in rather than losing money. At the present time, we are charging 3 percent on the industry and