

Affairs Committee. And earlier today we were concerned about keeping local businesses in the state by adopting Senator Lynch's business (sic), now we're, with one little amendment, we're "whoosh" wiping out some businesses and turning it over to a state function. So I guess, at this time, I think it's something...I think we have looked at this and I...you know, it has a good concept, Senator Schmit. I think it's maybe something we maybe need to study, get with the Department of Revenue and look at all the ramifications rather than adopt it at this time. Maybe we can come back on, you know, on Select File. So I guess I would rise to oppose it at this time but maybe not later. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Smith. Smith, excuse me.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I have had time to kind of collect my wits and I've gone out and asked a few questions of some people that weren't necessarily the Department of Revenue or the Gaming Division or the department itself, but, basically...or as far as charitable gaming is concerned, but one of the things that I found is that a question was raised, what would happen with the current pickle card operations? And I think Eric was rather alluding to that. Would the state be in conflict or in competition with them then? And the other thing is that the state is not set up at this point in time to be a distributor if we're getting into the gaming division now. That's another separate thing, folks, from what we're addressing here today. We're not talking about a state lottery development now. Now we're talking about what's already in place and that system is not in place for them to be able to pick up and just do that at this point in time. It would require significant changes in the statutes to address the things that are now currently in operation as far as the distributors in that system that we have in place in the state and it definitely is not the state that's in that role right now. So, based on that, I now am going to have to stand also and oppose this at this point in time and probably throughout the rest of the remainder of the time unless we have some changes here from those folks that are most pertinently involved in this. So I will oppose this amendment also at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and members, could I ask Senator Will a question?