

question. Do you really believe that the state is only going to make a million bucks a year off keno.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Schmit, I said about, I think I said three to five. I said five years once and I said three to five the next time. When you ask me now, I'll say one to three and...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Months?

SENATOR HALL: ...it's probably going to be, it's going to be about \$2 million a year. That's a very conservative guess.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would guess, Senator Hall, that you are being much more conservative on that than Senator Vard Johnson was on the cost of 773 a few years ago. I'll make you a little prediction, that the time will come and not very far down the road when the City of Omaha will be making \$20 million a year and do you think you're going to be able to get into Omaha's bucket at that time to increase the percentage for the state, it's not going to happen. So I'm just going to warn everyone on this floor that as keno becomes more and more popular and it gets in the hands of people who know how to run it, because I think probably the people up in Omaha know how to run it and I think it's going to make some money. I'm not trying to shut Omaha off at the pass but there is one other point I would like to make and that is at the present time it's apparent that you cannot use the income from keno for whatever the local governing board wants to use it. I would hope that we could expand this language, not just so the city could buy a baseball team, but if they want to do something as laudable as perhaps provide some decent housing for some low income people or if they wanted to provide some kind of property tax relief or pay off some other kind of a bond issue, that they could do that also. It seems to me that the way it goes now, we spend the money from gambling for the least laudable kinds of projects, community betterment, bicycle trails, hiking trails, all other kinds of nonsense. If you're going to resort to income from gambling, and I suggested that a long time ago that we ought to do that, but now the rest of you are just coming along kicking and screaming, objecting but willing to take the money as Senator Wesely is, then you ought to let the city fathers use the money as they see fit. We ought not to limit them to the worst kind of investments which