

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all that I have to ask of Senator Hall, then I'm going to make a serious comment, and this I mean in total seriousness. It goes back again to the idea of giving a political subdivision an incentive to rely on gambling and gambling proceeds to do those things that ought to be assumed by the expenditure of taxes. The way for a political subdivision or for the state to raise money is by way of taxation, so if there are activities that are deemed sufficiently laudable or justified for the state or the city to participate in, they should obtain the money by means of the legitimate means established for obtaining revenue and that is...

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...taxation.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to discuss a couple of issues regarding this amendment and I think I'd like to address the concerns that I'm going to have at the end of this time to Senator Lindsay. Senator Chambers just addressed something about what I'm going to be talking about here when he talked about community betterment. One of the things that I'm a little bit concerned about the section number three of the bill which deals with authorization for the community of the metropolitan class in Senator Wesely's amendment and now which would also include the city of the primary class I guess, to use the proceeds from a lottery to purchase, in your case, the Royals baseball team in my understanding, raises an issue of constitutionality perhaps with me and I would like to have you address that in just a minute, but I just would tell you that I have sent a letter to the Attorney General in which I asked his opinion regarding the constitutionality of the amendment, the original amendment here, and I asked two questions in that letter to the...and I have not had a response at this point in time. My questions that I raised were, would, the specific question is whether the use of lottery proceeds to acquire, purchase and maintain a professional baseball organization is within the reasonable interpretation of the term community betterment as found in Article III, Section 24 of the Nebraska Constitution? In other words, is the use of lottery proceeds for this specific purpose constitutional? And then the second question I asked is, whether the use of lottery proceeds as