

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to the committee amendments is offered by Senator Smith. (See page 1678 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: (Mike off) committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: I am sorry, Senator Loran Schmit, your amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, this amendment is an amendment, very frankly, that applies at the present time to only one single business in Bellevue, Nebraska. It applies to the...might call it the Crown Court amendment I guess. The Crown Court operates a form of lottery in Bellevue, Nebraska, and the Crown Court is a motel and a lounge and is a very successful business and has been licensed by the City of Bellevue, as I understand, to conduct this type of lottery. It would seem to me that it is very unusual that we legislate specifically against a certain individual, and I think that is what we are doing in this instance. The individual who owns this business is a very reputable businessman. He is active in banking. He is active in other activities in the City of Bellevue, and the City of Bellevue has licensed that operation to conduct this type of lottery. For some reason, unknown to me, perhaps known to the committee members and they will have a chance to explain that, it has been determined that the type of lottery presently allowed by law should be disallowed. Now I am a little sensitive about that sort of activity. I am a little sensitive about specific type of legislation which zeroes in on one individual and says this one individual cannot conduct this type of lottery, whereas, we will allow another type of lottery, specifically, in this instance, keno to perform. The state made a decision some time ago relative to various types of lottery activity and has been whittling away at it to a certain extent ever since. But to the extent that as far as I can tell the operation of the Crown Court is being operated legally, legitimately, it is no more, no less gambling than the keno operations. You can lose your money in both operations, you can win a little in both operations. I do not see where we can justify saying that in one community there shall be only a certain type of lottery, and in this instance, if the city decides there shall be only one operator, that we shall,