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Cash Fund. And these changes will then all become operative on July, the 1st. All other changes involving tax rates, license fee changes, and product changes, such as upping the payout to 80 percent and allowing a definite prize for the last play on a punchboard will remain at the October, the 1st, 1989 date. I ask for your support for this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, one question, Senator Smith, you say it includes upping the pickle card commission and allowable expense percentages. That language would have to be considered a little bit vague. Can you tell me what you mean by upping the percentages that are allowable?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, Smith, excuse me.

SENATOR SMITH: Excuse me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Go ahead.

SENATOR SMITH: This, we are dealing only with changes in the operative date of what we will be doing with that, but we will be dealing with increasing the amount that they will receive in the amendments to the bill, Senator Schmit, because we have seen, and we have agreement on the fact that the payout, for instance, the amount that they are paying out was not high enough, and, secondly, that those people that are doing the work in the lottery, itself, have not been paid as much as they should be paid in order to cover their expenses. And so we will be dealing with that in the amendment to the amendment, or excuse me, the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Are you telling me that you are going to increase the amount of money that the bar can earn by selling pickles?

SENATOR SMITH: We are increasing the maximum pickle card operator's commission from 28 percent to 30 percent of a definite profit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is a 50 percent increase.

SENATOR SMITH: Fifty percent?