

something. So with that, I oppose Senator Smith, given in good faith.

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel) The house is not in order. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your concern, Senator Hartnett, and I guess I could ask a question of the body, without even having to answer it, they can think about it in their own minds, and that is Senator Hartnett was making a good case about how the city uses those dollars for all these grand purposes in the community, which I don't doubt they are good things, but on the other hand, you could ask yourself that same question, what does the state use it for? The same kinds of things only it comes from the state level and those are things...and in addition to that, the need to regulate gambling in Nebraska. If we are going to have it, we have got to regulate it. We are creating a license, a new license structure. It is going to take more regulation. It is going to take more cost, more time, as far as the state is concerned, in order to do this. I can answer your questions, I believe, correctly, Senator Schmit. Are you on the telephone right now, Senator Schmit? Okay, you asked the total income from all lotteries. These were the figures that were given to me, \$4,202,852 last year; income received by local government was \$250,000. Now you have to keep in mind that they had to pay out at least 65 percent but many of them paid out more than that. So that is the reason this number is lower than it would have otherwise have been. The state's share of that was \$101,580. So, have I answered all the questions that you asked? Okay, all right, anyway, I am saying that I still stick by what I had said before. We have to regulate it. It is there. We are approving the fact that a community is going to use it but it is going to have to be very strictly regulated because we don't want to see some illegal things going on, we don't want to have some negative kinds of an impact going on in our communities because of it, and I am just saying I stick with what I said. Regulate it and tax it and I am up front about that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, further discussion, followed by Senators Hartnett and Schmit.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I rise in opposition to Senator Smith's amendment but I completely agree with much of what she says. I just think that there is a better