

only serve to put one individual business out of business, who are we kidding? Are we kidding ourselves, or are we kidding the department, or are they kidding us? The question I want to ask you is this, other than committee members, is there anyone on the floor who understood the amendment as was drafted or would have understood it? I don't think so. No reason for you to unless you were familiar with that person's business. I don't know how much money has been invested. I do not know if that individual will have the opportunity to recover that investment by the termination of his contract or not. He is a businessman. He understands the rules of the game, and he will play it that way. I have not discussed it with him personally. I have not seen the gentleman for a long period of time, but I just know whereof I speak, and I think it is wrong. I think it is wrong. Had he not conducted himself properly, had he been guilty of any kind of a violation, had he shown an arrogance or a contempt for the rules and regulations, had he abused the state, had he been in any way abusive of the privilege, different story. There are provisions then to take him out of business. But let us not by legislation take out a business, a specific individual, at this time just because someone in the department has decided we don't like that kind of an activity. The department, to my knowledge, cannot say, they cannot monitor it, they cannot regulate it, they cannot control it. To my knowledge, they have not shown evidence that they have not received a totally accurate accounting of all the funds. Then what is the difference? What is the difference if you bet \$100 at the Crown Court or \$100 at some other place, whether you lose it or win it, you understand the odds? I think that we ought to take a look at this and you ought to adopt my amendment. I see no reason, and I want you to know, I see absolutely no reason to specifically by a legislative act take an individual out of business simply because someone in the department is adamantly opposed to that type of gambling or, perhaps, maybe, maybe to that individual. I ask you to support my amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Korshoj, on the amendment.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, Senator Schmit, why don't you take my time and explain to me and Senator Crosby what you just said. I mean I am serious. I am totally in the dark. What are we doing?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.