

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I, too, would strongly oppose this amendment. It opens it up, as I interpret it, to private contractors, would vastly expand the access to this type of "recreation," if you will, in Nebraska, which I think if you look at the enforcement problems that will be greatly expanded with this type is another consideration, and I would assume that based on that type of expansion, we would have an increasing cost again just for enforcement, auditing, and so forth. So it appears to me to serve no reason to expand this under this basis. That if we are going to have this type of activity, it ought to continue under the community as we are now headed and I would strongly oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not going to speak for a long time at this point but I would just like to have everyone know that I am going to ask Senator Schmit a question here. Senator Schmit, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, of course, I would be glad to.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, so if we have the three conditions for what the definition of a lottery is, the chance, the payment to participate, and then to receive a prize, this is the definition of what a lottery would be, right?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator, I have only read the amendment this morning, and I only became aware of the fact that Mr. Clatterbuck couldn't operate his business this morning when I took a look at it, and so I am not familiar with what you really allow.

SENATOR SMITH: Is there anyone else in here that might be able to respond to this? The reason I am asking this question is, folks, if you listen to the three conditions, chance, pay to participate, receive a prize, those are the three conditions of a lottery. Then does that include, and you are saying, contain such games as blackjack, any of those kinds of things, which are casino type games? This is exactly what it would do, this is what it would allow, and this is what...the purpose of the bill is to be able to prohibit that from occurring in Nebraska. We do not want casino type games in Nebraska. We don't want