

stop the proliferation of the game, you are wrong. What it does do is allows the city to say, okay, we are going to give one license for one enterprise and that is it. We are not going to do anything else. I think that if you try to describe gambling in the way you are doing it here, then the least you ought to do, the least you ought to do is to grandfather in the existing entity ad infinitum, as long as he wants to be in business. I think that would be the least you could do, Senator Smith. If he got his...it is kind of like the people that got in the gate on 775, once you have got your nose under the gate, you ought to be allowed to keep it under the gate. I will tell you what I am going to do, Senator Smith. I will make you a sporting deal. I am going to offer to withdraw...in fact, I will withdraw this amendment this time, and I will offer an amendment on Select File that let's the existing contract continue, and then let him fight it out with the city if they want to relicense him at the end of that contract or not. But I think it is wrong for this Legislature to engage in that kind of selective enforcement of what we would like to euphemistically call our gambling laws of the State of Nebraska. So with that, Mr. President, I ask permission to withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is the amendment that I spoke of earlier on Senator Smith's amendment to increase the tax. I decided to offer it at this time so that there was no question with regard to where I stood on the issue. This would take the percentage of what is currently received by the Charitable Gaming Division of the Department of Revenue and raise it from 30 percent of the tax that is received to 35, so that it would cover their cost with regard to regulation and enforcement of the lottery. I think that this is the proper way to go. It does allow, even with the conservative, and very conservative, estimates with regard to revenue, those estimates are based on the fact that there would be no additional increase or activity in the local lottery area, that with an increase to 35 percent, they, basically, would have a \$38,000 shortfall. I can guarantee you that I would be