

down within the City of Hastings, but as I understand the amendment is it would allow even though the people of Hastings turned this amendment down, the county commissioners or county supervisors, I don't know what they are in Adams County, could conduct the lottery in Hastings without the vote or without the jurisdiction or vote of the county commissioners. And so for that reason I oppose it and I think visiting with Senator Smith, privately and so forth, is that if, say a county, let's take Adams County again, could then if they want a county, could put this lottery say in Lincoln, or other places and I really think that the idea of the lottery and the position was to allow local people to regulate it within their jurisdictions, for cities to regulate it within their jurisdiction, counties to do it, and it is mainly at this time a Douglas County fight but I see that the two bodies have to get together. I think there has to be some cooperation there, and so for this reason, I will oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I'd ask Senator Smith a question, if you will.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You indicated this might be a Douglas County-Omaha issue but it could go beyond that if this was changed, right?

SENATOR SMITH: It could.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And it could actually put Beaver Crossing, being very progressive, could put a lottery into a populated area in order to raise some money if they so desired if this...

SENATOR SMITH: As long as it was in their county because we changed the bill, see. Now wait a minute. Of the county, yeah, if it is a county lottery, it would be restricted to...in the bill, remember, we restricted it to the geographical boundaries.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So I am wondering if...

SENATOR SMITH: It would be...we would allow a community that did not want to be involved in the lottery to say, no, not to bring the tickets in for distribution or...