

intended to be one of the grandfathered communities. So that's all it is, is a technical amendment to change that operative date for the grandfathering.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the body, I guess I would stand to...this is not something that I think is something that's going to really harm the bill at all. It's simply, in my understanding, setting the date forward two months and I have no problem with. Basically, what we're doing is grandfathering for the length of the contract. Is that my understanding...is that correct? Okay. And I...you know, this is limited and so I would support that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please. (Gavel.) Let's, please...

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Conway, could I ask you a question? In no way are we by saying, okay, grandfathering in, you know, lotteries and so on, or then are we allowing businesses or communities...I mean, communities, excuse me, and cities that now have lottery or are we opening the gate to, so to speak, well, we grandfather one in or we change the date to eventually wide open lottery? I'm very cautious on grandfathering anyone in because then it gives them a special...an opportunity that may or not be good for them forever.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Nelson, because that will help clarify what the intention of the bill, was to grandfather those people that are already operating as of January 1st of this past year. I had one community that's official date was after January 1st which was one of them that was discussed as being one of them that should be grandfathered. And so we're moving it forward to March 1st of this year so no one new will come in. It will be those prior to March 1st which is already passed.

SENATOR NELSON: I understand that little technical thing. I guess my point is probably a little bit further than that. I...I have a real problem grandfathering anyone in.

SENATOR CONWAY: Uh-huh.