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SENATOR NELSON: In other words, whether we're going to allow lottery for now or five more years down the road or I guess that's my main thing. Once you start grandfathering in, you have got the gate open.

SENATOR CONWAY: I believe the key was there two of them that were already operating two lotteries and one of the provisions of the bill is to exclude the operation of any more than one lottery, but since those two already had theirs up and running and had the expenses involved and so forth was to let them operate during the term of this bill.

SENATOR NELSON: I understand. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: A question of Senator Conway, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Conway, you said this will grandfather an existing lottery for a term of a contract. Can you identify the situation specifically what you are attempting to address?

SENATOR CONWAY: I believe both Bellevue and South Sioux, which were the two communities that were in question, by virtue of some interpretations of the previous lottery language, felt that it was possible to operate two lotteries. They had a keno game going as well as a scratch ticket, both those two types of lotteries in operation. As this bill came down and eventually said only one lottery per community, these two were already operating two lotteries and so the intent, from what I understand, which was going on in the committee, was not to preclude those two to continue until, was it, 1990 provisions in the bill, to go ahead and allow those two to operate those two simultaneous games during that term rather than force them to absorb those costs and back into only one but let them continue those two.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I can see, Senator Conway, where one lottery might be sufficient in Bellwood or Fairfield. I see this one in Fairfield is going to try to make \$50,000 a year on a keno game and that's all right with me. But isn't it a little