

Conway's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Conway amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend. Senator, I have AM1572. That's on Journal pages 2028.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the body, this is an amendment that I discussed with you on General File but it was not ready at that time and so I'm introducing it now. What it would do is, first of all, two things, it would add some...a new section, one of the...to the bill, it adds two sections, totally, but the first part of it allows the department to do background checks for any criminal record on the applicants for the charitable gaming license. This is done through the Nebraska State Patrol assessing the FBI's national computer system and this is really similar to what we're already doing as far as liquor licenses are concerned with the Liquor Commission. So this is making it basically the same as what we do with liquor license. The second part of it is that it puts in a procedure for grandfathering in county lottery operators if they were annexed by a city that prohibits lotteries and that operator then would continue to...would be allowed to continue the operation until the end of their contract or for two years, whichever is the shorter of the two. We had some concerns about the fact that if you had a county lottery, for instance, and, of course, the county would place those...the place where they do the gambling as close to the city as they could because they would be able to attract folks from the city, and then the city decided to annex for whatever reason, and it might even have the ulterior motive of bringing in that gambling location, then the county could continue to operate that until the end of its contract or for the two years. And that's the purpose of this amendment, making sure that the county does have that protection. And then, finally, the last thing, through Sections 2 through 6 and then 8 and 10 we just are making some technical changes that were recommended by E & R or that just clarify changes that were made earlier in the bill. So that's the gist of the amendment and I would ask for your support for it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.