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SENATOR SCHMIT: I would like to ask Senator Smith a question if she would yield, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Smith, in your second portion of your amendment relative to the situation which you described, was it the decision of the committee that regardless of the size of a community or the population of a community or a county that a single lottery operation would be sufficient to serve the needs of a community?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Schmit, that has nothing to do with this but I think I did...you might not have heard me when I heard you say that earlier and maybe I need to have clarification from you by what you mean by a single lottery, a single game. It's not a single game. They can have as many games as they want of that type of lottery in a larger urban area. In other words, as long as they are confined to the provisions of this bill, if they wanted to have keno, they could have it and they could have it in 50 locations rather than just one. Or if they wanted to do rub off or a pull tab ticket lottery, they could do that in as many locations as they wanted to do it.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If the City of Omaha, under the present provisions, wishes to get into the lottery business in a backhanded way, they could, for example, not even operate a lottery but could tax the Douglas County lottery for the privilege of operating within the city limits. Is that right?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And would they have any control over the operation of the lottery? Would it be the responsibility of the county to operate and supervise and police the lottery?

SENATOR SMITH: They could regulate the lottery within the city boundaries.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But would they have the authority then to police the operation and to examine the records, the financial records and any other equipment to be sure that everything is being conducted legally?