

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. May I introduce some guests, please. In the north balcony are guests of Senator Rod Johnson. We have 25 eighth grade students from Silver Creek School and their instructor. Would you folks please rise and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend the bill. (The Schmit amendment appears on page 2266 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, this amendment is on...is it in the Journal, Mr. Clerk? I guess I handed it out but it is on page 53, I believe, of your amendment. And it strikes the words "until January 1, 1991". I will tell you why I am doing this and whatever the body wants to do is fine with me. But I think the committee and Senator Smith have tried very diligently to try to be equitable in the promulgation of this bill and the amendments. They have worked very hard. My concern, and I may not be valid but I would like to raise it on this floor anyway, my concern is that I know of one operation in Bellevue, Nebraska, which is not a keno operation, which will be put out of business by this amendment on January 1, 1991. Now I really have no problem if the City of Bellevue does not want to renew that license for that operation. But, as I said earlier, as long as we have opted to allow local entities to engage in lotteries, it would seem to me that this is one phase which could well be left up to the local entity, the city or the county. I would just like to say also we have talked at great length here about the equity of grandfathering in existing operations and I think that's all right also. I have great empathy for that point of view. But what we are doing is we are grandfathering in, to the best of my knowledge, all existing operations except one, possibly two. I do not know the details on the operation that Senator Conway referred to in his area. I do know the details on the operation in Bellevue and I believe that that business man has invested a considerable sum of money. He conducts an operation that I believe is at least on a par with any other kind of gambling operation and insofar as you can identify good gambling and bad gambling, I guess good gambling is where you win money and bad gambling is where you lose money and so that perhaps is the only identification system that you can really make of it. Regulated gambling is what we are trying