

chooses to get their dipper in the bucket again and decide what they're going to do and how they're going to do it. That's our responsibility, no objection to that. But it places a business man, such as this particular one, in a very undesirable position because, as of the time that he went into the business, he was legal, he expended a considerable sum of money. He went before the city and was approved by the city. The city fathers approved him. If, on January...whatever time it is, 1st, 1991, the city fathers decide not to renew his contract, that's their prerogative. But, in any case, in any case, the State of Nebraska ought not to take that responsibility, in my opinion. Now, if you want to really get tough on gambling, then maybe you ought to say anything over that. You know, we did that with the bookies not...some time ago. We said, you can't handle, I think, over \$1,500 a day or you become a bad bookie. If you're under 1,500, you're a good bookie. Well, with the passage of simulcasting, some of my informers tell me that we have just gotten rid of...or at least interstate simulcasting, we just got rid of the last haven for bookies on horses, that still leaves them wide open, of course, for betting on sports, of course, which no one would ever concede takes place in this state. But if we were to put a limit on that, it would probably seriously dampen the economy of this state. The point I want to make is this,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we talk about big and little. Little gambling is supposed to be good, big gambling is bad. Then in this case you've got little gambling, it's not a big operation, it's a little operation. The guy established it legally. He didn't ask me to do this. I just thought I would try to help out a business man who I think really deserves the help. If the city wants to put him out of business in a couple years, that's their responsibility. So that's where I stand, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the body, I just stand to reiterate what I said earlier. This operation that we're talking about is already grandfathered in for the duration of the contract which they have with Bellevue. Senator Schmit's amendment would allow one business in Bellevue to permanently be able to continue games that will be outside the limits of the piece of legislation which we're trying to pass