

do something which we don't intend to do and certainly we do that frequently, not just on lottery legislation. But I would just suggest that the passage of the amendment in the present form would probably get us into some of the same difficulty that we did get into with the pickle business because whether we like it or not, and it depends upon what point of view you're in, the revenue from the gambling may exceed the revenue from the other retail businesses by a substantial amount. I think, however, though...and I would hope that maybe next year we will come back and the body might have a change of heart on the Clatterbuck amendment and decide not to clamp down quite so hard on the little guy. Maybe if the Department of Revenue has enough other business to do, they won't be so concerned about riding shotgun on one legitimate business in Bellevue. But I think that what Senator Lynch is attempting to do is to address a problem which is one which this body ought to be concerned about and that is equity, the equity that would exist between various retail enterprises by allowing them to participate to the maximum extent possible in a lottery operation. Whether you like it or not, those operations are growing and to the extent that we broaden the participation it, of course, makes it possible for more people to participate but, to the extent that we limit it, it provides a certain business advantage for certain individuals or entities and denies that advantage to others. A member of the body just came to me this morning and suggested that simulcasting certainly ought to be amended so that those persons who now have to drive 150 or 200 miles to a race track could enjoy the multitude of benefits that have accrued from simulcasting, if you read the paper the last few days, and do not have to wear out their automobile getting to a licensed race track. I would guess that's probably enough to upset Scott for this morning but, in any case, I think that Senator Lynch has actually pinpointed something which ought to be addressed next year and I'm sure Senator Smith and her committee will probably take a look at it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I think I have already said about everything I need to say and I would just say that if that's a concern and an issue that needs to be brought to the committee, I would be happy for us to take a look at it, Senator Lynch.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, would you care to close?