

and to the times, it will find itself under more and more pressure. And so I will make a prediction, just as simulcasting intrastate and interstate was opposed a number of years ago when we first proposed it on this floor, and then finally was embraced and finally was determined to be the savior of thoroughbred racing, so one day we will find additional outlets for wagering on horses. We may even expand the opportunities for individuals to participate in various types of gambling at the racetrack. I know one track, I think Senator Conway's track up there, even goes so far as to sell pickles. I don't know what else they might engage in, but I think that we are going to see some of that, and it will be most interesting to determine how it is handled. Ladies and gentlemen, I have said it on the floor many times but I will say it again that you have gambling with you and that we ought to look at those states which have been most successful in regulation, licensure, and control and try to emulate those, rather than to carve out our own little system as we go along.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I mentioned a couple of little loopholes in this bill. I would suggest that we are going to come back here next year and try to plug those up, but it is going to be very difficult because we ought to look at it on a comprehensive basis and do that which we think is best for all concerned. I would hope very much that in the interim period the General Affairs Committee will review the statutes of the surrounding states and see what can be done to tighten and further regulate and control the operation we have here today. We have really not touched upon the proliferation of illegal pickles. No one wants to touch that. That is too hot. It is like touching upon the books. We are not going to touch the sport books because that is too hot. It might get to some levels of individuals where it could prove to be embarrassing so we will just politely act as though it doesn't exist. Senator Chambers may try to tack an amendment on this bill sometime...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to do something about that but I doubt that he is going to get very many votes. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rod Johnson, followed by Senators Hartnett and Smith.