

least give the department the kind of revenue they need to enforce what we have on the books. Eventually, we are going to have to...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...come around full circle and agree that if we are going to be honest to the people that we are going to have some sort of overall authority. I am not sure when that will come but it will come. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator Lynch.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciated the comments of Senator Hall in explaining the need for this amendment. I understand that the extra 3 percent would go to the charities and, obviously, the charities involved are of interest to us and we want to be helpful. But I have listened to Senator Schmit and followed a bit this issue and the pickles have always seemed to me to be the most unregulated of the different gambling in the state, that they are the most difficult to keep on top of and monitor. And where bingo appears to me to be something that originated in a very old-fashioned mild manner fashion and the churches participate and it doesn't seem too offensive, the pickles have gotten to be a little bigger than that, and a little more money, a little more unregulated perhaps, and it concerns me a great deal, and so I am a little reluctant to reduce the tax from 13 to 10 percent, though it does go to a worthy cause in terms of the charitable organizations. And so, I guess I'd just ask Senator Hall and Senator Smith as they...if they have a chance to talk about the regulation of pickles, and have we gotten a handle on the pickle activity, and are they, in fact, complying with the laws? I know we have had big controversy and discussion about this over the years, but, really, if I had a chance, I guess I would give the rest of my time to Senator Hall, and talk a bit about have we gotten the pickle situation under control? Have the problems that have been there in the past been taken care of but with the changes we have went through the last couple of years, and where we're at in terms of pickle oversight and monitoring?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Mr. President and members, clearly we are 850 million times better off than we