

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Let me, if I can, diffuse some of the confusion. Very simply, what this does is we have, under previous language, tried to establish the three authorized forms that a municipality may engage in relative to gambling. Those are simply to authorize the holding of a pickle situation, as we're familiar with, it allows keno that we're familiar with, and it allows raffles. What we did last year, by virtue of previous legislation, was tried to limit the amount of proliferation of those activities in any given area, and what we said was that only one scheme, and that's the language used in the law, or type, may be conducted and may continue in operation till January 1 of 1991. The reason I'm here now is because this does sunset before this legislative body does reconvene and so we're up against that particular clock. Again, I suggested offering the legislation on General File, but as the session has gone there's been needs for some people to move the legislation forward and try to get the base established first and that's why I came in and rather lately. And with the Senator Hall suspending the Speaker's agenda and all of the other activities that have gone on today, it led to this coming up before we really had a chance to have that in front of you. What it basically says is that of those three schemes that are authorized that any given city may engage in only one of those activities within each category. In other words, a city, and in my particular case and I'll tell you what my situation is, in the City of South Sioux City, the city has a keno game going on. They don't want more keno games. They want that one keno game. The City of South Sioux City's Volunteer Fire Department also has a pickle card program going on, and they've had that going on for many, many years. Both of them have been very successful programs. Both of them supporting both of those entities. As of January 1, 1991, the firemen are going to have to give up their pickle cards, or the city's going to have to give up their keno by virtue of the language we put into the law last year. What I'm suggesting we simply do is say that no city can conduct more than one activity in any one of those categories. So, in other words, the city can have their keno, the firemen can have their pickle, and the city I suppose as well could have... hold one raffle a year as well under that third provision that's there. So that's what I offer the body. I understand the confusion. I can say trust me, and look for the support that way, but with that I offer the amendment.