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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway?

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes.

SENATOR WITHEM: Senator Conway, does this amendment in any way infringe on the enforcement powers of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission?

SENATOR CONWAY: This one doesn't.

SENATOR WITHEM: Oh, this one doesn't. Oh, okay. Seriously, as I understand what you're doing here, Senator Conway, it does not sound to be as radical a change from status quo as some people are making it. As I understand it, up in South Sioux City you currently have a city making a... using the keno and the fire departments, which is a subdivision of the city, selling pickle cards and using those pickle cards to buy fire equipment, I'm assuming, Senator Conway, and other things of benefit for the city. I come from a community that, you know, frankly, I guess the only difference is it's fire department, Volunteer Fire Department in Papillion, Nebraska, is a private corporation as opposed to being a subdivision of city government. They sell pickle cards and the use of the charitable gambling is quite a benefit for the community and saves a lot of tax dollars. And so I guess I would speak on behalf of Senator Conway's amendment. I don't think it is a major change in state statutes and so he doesn't stand alone, that there will be at least one other green light up there for him, so I will be voting in support.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein. Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Conway to close.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I promised Senator Schmit a little bit of time to speak on this issue. I filed a different amendment that I think will clarify it and make it much simpler, and will also play into the hands of Senator Smith's study and all of her friends that are concerned