

particularly for a fee of this magnitude, which is almost a ten-fold increase. I think that argument applies even more vigorously in this situation. I think that if we're going to be doing this, if we're going to be sending this type of message to the pickle card manufacturers that are going to be dealing in the pickle area in the State of Nebraska, we probably ought to do so with a little more deliberation than we are here. With that, I would oppose the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Hall, yours is the only other light on. Do you wish to use this as your closing?

SENATOR HALL: That would be fine, Mr. Speaker. Members, the amendment is offered for a number of reasons, one of them happens to be revenue. The others are these, this directly affects a single entity, as Senator Smith pointed out. But this single entity, in my opinion, does not pay their fair share with regard to regulation and oversight of this industry. They, true, may be just simply printers. We made printers of paper distributors, through the previous amendment, that was rejected, in this bill. And now we're saying that we do not believe that these folks should have to pay their fair share with regard to the regulation and oversight of an industry that, in the past, has been I think very much maligned because there have been some individuals out there, not only who manufacture these types of pickle cards, but those who sell them that haven't all been on the up and up. Ten thousand dollars to have a license, in effect, to steal is I don't think too much to ask. We don't put a cap on charities, in terms of the pickle cards that they sell and what we're going to charge them for regulation and oversight. What we do is just put a percentage in there. We put it in there, we call it a tax. And then we take about 35 percent of that tax and we put it in the Cash Fund at the Department of Revenue under charitable gaming, and we say, use this for regulation and oversight. These individuals who make their money up front, because we happen to allow this operation to take place, pay very, very little to enjoy that benefit. They pay virtually nothing. A thousand dollars is frankly what the cost of two boxes of pickle cards amounts to for that charity in terms of what's going to be the gross receipts from them prior to pay out. It is very little money at all. The argument that it's a ten-fold increase is accurate. That's what I said in my opening, it clearly is a ten-fold increase. And there's one other reason I'm offering this amendment, the other