

comprehensive set of penalties regarding the operation, violations, penalties, enforcement, venue of the pickle industry. And it talks in detail about the penalties, but specifically down in (c) of number 2, it says, using bogus, counterfeit, or nonplak (phonetic) pickles cards, pull-tabs, break opens, punch boards, jar tickets and so on, that have been marked or tampered with, and then it goes on through all kinds of provisions about the enforcement and investigation of it, as far as the offenses, the penalties and so on, so we have some very complex, and in fact the Department of Revenue, the Gaming Division has been criticized in the past for wanting to be so comprehensive and so detailed in the way they enforce or regulate. And so I don't think...I think that's a moot issue at this point in time. And I would just remind you that under the amendments of this bill itself that Vision would contract with lottery game retailers for the sale of lottery tickets, instead of licensing such individuals. Presently, about half of the states which conduct lotteries contract with retailers instead of licensing them. In addition, the division would contract with lottery vendors for major procurements of goods and services, such lottery tickets, and on-line lotto terminals, which we're talking about right here. Both lottery game retailers and lottery contractors would have to go through background checks, and the director is given the authority to refuse to award a contract to any applicant, and to suspend, cancel, or revoke the contract for violations of the act, or any of the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the act. The bill, LB 849, includes provisions for enforcement within the lottery division, which is provided as a part of that bill, under Section 14, if you're interested, you can look through that section. And, in spite of all this, we do have illegal gambling in Nebraska. Senator Schmit is correct, we do have illegal gambling in Nebraska. That isn't even the point that we're discussing right here, though. What we're talking about, this issue...this amendment is if we're going to show some preference for Nebraska contractors. And are we going to require a presence in the state, if we're so concerned about illegal gambling operations, it would be kind of nice, maybe, to have a presence in this state, someone who would be representative of that major procurer to be in this state. It doesn't mean moving their operations from Council Bluffs, I don't think. I think it means having an office with someone who represents that organization to be right here in Nebraska. And some one who may be a little more responsible because they are located right here. I will be very strongly in support of the