

which I believe will put away...put off some difficulties that might develop in the future. This amendment reads very quickly, "The department shall contract with a manufacturer for pickle cards to be used pursuant to the Nebraska Pickle Card Act. The department shall establish the terms and conditions of the contract, which may include security requirements, reporting requirements, and inspection requirements. In developing the contract, the department shall consider terms, conditions, and requirements utilized by other states for similar contracts." And this is extremely important, "The department shall distribute pickle cards to licensed organizations to be used pursuant to the act." The manner in which this is performed in the State of Iowa, ladies and gentlemen, is this, every single location has its own code, which is established by the department. That is a secret code, and it is not identifiable by the location that distributes the pickle cards. In other words, it is a secret code number. If the Department of Revenue wishes to check with Schmit's Bar and Grill to see if I have any bootleg pickles in there, all they need to do is pick out one of those cards and subject it to their scrutiny, and they can tell instantly whether or not I have any bootleg pickles. The traffic in illegal pickles is virtually nonexistent in the State of Iowa, and I have been told by Mr. Stanek, the director of the lottery there, that they have found this to be a very, very efficient way of handling their pickle card lottery. They find that it discourages any kind of chicanery. It enhances the game. It reassures the customers that they get an even break, and they have, in fact, done away with a large portion, if not virtually all, of the illegal traffic. As it stands today, and I should stand corrected if there are those who have other information, but it is my information that we still have a high incidence of illegal pickle traffic in the State of Nebraska. Now this does not mean that the department could not contract with more than one manufacturer. It doesn't say where they have to contract or anything of that nature. It says they shall contract for the manufacturer of the pickle cards. The key to this is, in my estimation, that the Department of Revenue actually distributes the pickles, and I want to emphasize I think this is very, very important. The department distributes the pickles, they collect the tax, they do it in that manner, and it is done without any chance of fraud. I believe that if we are going to be involved in this type of an activity, we ought to do everything we can to encourage honesty and integrity. I can't help but think a little bit, as I listen to the various amendments that are being offered here, and I listen