

to the different ideas that we have proposed for dividing up the revenue, and I listen to the restrictions that are placed upon this revenue, that it very well may be that Nebraska shall operate the first ticket lottery in the history of the United States that loses money. And so rather than have to distribute money, Senator Scott, you may very well have to dig up some funds. I might, just for your enhancement, let you know that I have a few pieces of equipment you might be able to use to bail yourself out if you get into a tight spot, but the facts are that it brings to mind a little bill we called NIFA, and on this floor, Senator Wesely and Senator Scott Moore's boss piled amendment after amendment on that bill, and I said you are making it impossible for the bill to function. Well, of course, again I was outvoted, but as we know now, not a single farm loan was made for two reasons; first, because the tax exemption was vacated by the feds, but also because this Legislature had unwisely placed restrictions on the lending procedures that made it impossible to function. And so today while I and others are critical of NIFA, the Nebraska Legislature must bear some of that responsibility. I am offering this amendment today because I am giving this Legislature an opportunity to forestall what I see will one day be crisis number four, or five, or six, or ten, depending upon the issue that happens to come up in the meantime, but I am offering you the opportunity to do away with a scandal, which will occur, if you continue to distribute pickles in the manner in which you are presently doing it. If we ever give the Department of Revenue sufficient tools to enforce the present pickle statutes, you will find that there is a lot of illegal activity there. If you don't do that, then the illegal activity will be able to continue to spread. So I'm offering you this opportunity and I'm forewarning you that if you do not do something of this nature that the time will come when once again someone will say that this Legislature did not act judiciously and prudently and in the public interest. I think that the record is clear. We have a good example to follow, where we have the example to follow we need not write the manual, we need only to copy it. We ought to have the wisdom and the courage to copy the success of our neighboring state to the east and the good efforts that they have made and benefit from their experience. I ask you to support the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Nelson, do you wish to speak? Senator Smith.