

File, I don't want to hurry something but it might be that if the amendment needs some fine tuning that perhaps we could discuss it some. I would be willing to perhaps offer it again on Select File or have you take a look at it and see if we couldn't offer it on Select File in a manner which would be fully compatible with the bill. So would you want to comment on that, please. Okay, if not, I would just suggest this. I think it's important, ladies and gentlemen, that we recognize that we not treat casually this kind of an activity. We have here a major activity. In addition, we know that the thoroughbred racing industry is suffering somewhat from the competition of other types of gambling activity. We're going to see an increased amount of that. To the extent that we can do so, we should certainly minimize any kind of illegal activity, whether it is with pickles, whether it is with machines, whether it is with bookies or any other entity. I guess, if Senator Smith is not here, I would be pleased to try to answer any more questions. Perhaps we can adopt the amendment and then if it needs fine tuning on Select File, we can do that at that time.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and members, I support this amendment wholeheartedly. I had specifically asked Senator Schmit, I think a year ago or two years ago, why something like this couldn't be accomplished and I guess he really didn't have an answer for me but I could never figure out. I've heard him make comments many times that we must have a lot of illegal pickle cards running around in this state and I had made a comment a couple years ago, why can't the state print them and that way they would be easily checked. Well, I guess this amendment basically says the same thing. They would contract with someone to actually print the pickle cards and they would be easily identified and I wholeheartedly support the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, okay, I will be the bad guy. I rise to reluctantly oppose the Schmit amendment. I think we can minimize the number of issues that this amendment picks up. We're talking about pickle cards here and we're talking about changing from a system that we have now whereas we have a number of...we have a pickle card chain right now as far as the manufacture, distribution, sale of pickle cards goes. The initial link in that chain is the