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should put it off another year. I think we ought to do it now. I think it will be...it could well pay for itself in a very short period of time.

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think we will see a substantially increased amount of revenue from what is now a not very desirable type of lottery. Is my time up, Mr. President?

SENATOR WARNER: There's about 50 seconds left but there are no other speakers so you still have a chance to close if you wish.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Are you closing now?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I'm closing.

SENATOR WARNER: Restart the clock then.

SENATOR SCHMIT: There goes my 50 seconds. A penny saved is a penny earned. Okay. I'll probably be better off if I just quit now. But anyway I want to just say these points right here. The amendment, I believe, makes sense, ladies and gentlemen. The procedure makes sense. The department will tell you it makes sense. It works in the State of Iowa. It has worked there for a number of years. It takes a system which once was described by the Department of Revenue as trying to capture smoke in a net and it at least gives them a five-gallon bucket which is a big improvement. I'm not saying that I like the pickle card type of lottery. I don't. I think it is the poorest type of lottery, but we've got it and certain people are going to use it and, therefore, we ought to try to make the thing work in the best possible manner. I think if we did so that we would enhance the revenues, we would increase the reliability of the system, we would encourage the people who are in the business to live within the law and they would not have to compete with those who do not live within the law. It is very, very difficult for those outlets who today try to adhere to the law and pay their taxes to compete with those which do not. And I can tell you, ladies and gentlemen, I know people who today have become wealthy handling illegal pickles and some of you probably know them also. So I would ask you that you support my amendment and that if you have problems with it