

Lindsay amendment on page 1994 of the Journal, it would add...it says currently "a city of the metropolitan class", it would say "a city of the metropolitan" and then I add "or primary class". And then from there the language that's currently in this amendment allows a lottery under the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act to be...used a portion of the gross proceeds for the acquisition, purchase and maintenance of a professional baseball organization.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Lincoln being the kind of city that it is, maybe they ought to add after "baseball", "or football team", and then they could purchase the University of Nebraska football team although I don't think they would raise enough money from the lottery to do so. The thing that troubles me about Senator Lindsay's amendment and Senator Wesely's, really, is the fact that the city is becoming involved in gambling as a participant and an incentive is being given to the cities to do this. Every time an amendment of this kind is adopted it creates additional impetus to the involvement of political subdivisions and gambling which I think is really an undesirable thing to have. I would like to ask Senator Lindsay a question or two, if I may, because although it's Senator Wesely's amendment, this may make it unnecessary for me to speak on his amendment as such. Senator Lindsay, you said that there, or somebody did, that there were other people trying to purchase this Omaha baseball team at this time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: It's my understanding there are several groups from outside of the city and possibly one from within the city.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have any of these purchasers been identified by name?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I believe two of the out of town groups have been identified by name.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has anybody investigated to see if they are really existing, discreet, separate entities from Mr. Cherry?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Oh, I...I don't know that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you know whether they're ringers or not that have been projected to make it appear that there are purchasers to hasten the Mayor and the Legislature into creating