

there tonight and if you would like to go, my wife is going out, I would be happy to host you, along with Mitch and Gus.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hall, I have a question, but I have a comment to make about that. I understand that Franklin Roosevelt, or one of those guys, said, I hate war, my wife hates war, my dog hates war. I hate baseball, I don't have a wife, but if I did, she would hate it. If I had a dog, the dog would hate it. I hate baseball. I think what they ought to do, instead of having nine of those innings, have one inning or two minutes, whichever comes first, and if the score is tied, two out of three flips of the coin wins whatever you call the game or whatever it is. But here's a serious question I wanted to ask you. How much...how long would it take to get the money to make this purchase, in your opinion?

SENATOR HALL: Based on revenue projections from the keno operation, the \$5 million purchase price could take as long as, oh, five to six years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you...if you know, do you know how long, how much time this owner is willing...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to give for Omaha to make this purchase?

SENATOR HALL: Well, I understand, from listening to the news reports this morning, that he will extend his offer or open his...extend the opening of his offer for a couple days. He is looking to see if this amendment will go on to the bill to find out if the city would have the authority and it's really nothing more than, I think, Senator Chambers, an opening that allows the city to negotiate, continue to negotiate with Mr. Cherry. I don't know if they will ever own the team whether we pass this amendment or not. I don't know that they necessarily should but it will allow them a little more leverage, some more time to work with the local owner which I would prefer to see as opposed to someone from outside of the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And when I get a chance to speak, I have a couple more serious questions, really, that I will ask when I get the chance.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, you're next. I