

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I filed this motion on behalf of Senator Smith. She was under the understanding, as I think maybe some of the body was, that her motion was a simple majority, and instead it, in fact, took 25 votes. I told Senator Smith I do not support her amendment. I will not support it at this time, but in order to give her an opportunity to correct a mistake that was made earlier, I filed the motion for reconsideration.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Would anyone like to speak on the reconsideration motion? Senator Wesely. Senator Schmit, on the reconsideration motion.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I would rise in opposition to the motion to reconsider. I believe it has been pointed out by others on this floor that, by Senator Warner, who spoke in favor of the amendment, that it is easy to start these little games out and you have a little friendly keno game in Prague or in Creston or in Duncan or Silver Creek or Dwight, makes a few bucks and everybody gets a few dollars and they are all happy. But what you are really looking at here, ladies and gentlemen, is not a little friendly neighborhood game. It is going to be a major kind of gambling activity. You are looking at what one day will be two, three, four, five hundred million dollars worth of activity. You have already got \$43 million in a couple of little towns there in eastern Nebraska, and I think it is, as Senator Warner has said, the only thing I don't like about this amendment is that I think that the state ought to get 50 percent of all of the governmental share of the keno games, and leave the cities with 50 percent. In fact, if I had my druthers, I would give the state 80 percent, and leave the cities with 20, because I think that this is more fair that way. One of these days we are going to have to recognize we will have given away, the day will come on this floor when someone will acknowledge that we have given away one or two percent, equivalent to the sales taxes to local government, and we will wring our hands and gnash our teeth and wonder what happened, and if I were the Mayor of Omaha, I would be most happy, and the new Mayor of Lincoln will be happy, but the State of Nebraska, which is charged with enforcement, regulation, and control will get, as has been pointed out, a very small amount. So I think this is a step in the right direction. I would only hope that