

voting for reconsideration. First of all, we don't know, I have to say to you that we don't know how many dollars this is going to mean because of the fact that if this amendment is adopted we will be shifting, for one thing, the kind of play that is going on in the state right now in the communities. The on-line games now provide 2 percent to the state. The 2 percent is divided, as I mentioned when I was talking about my motion the last time on the amendment, 60 percent went to the General Funds and 40 percent of that 2 percent went to the Gaming Division, but only 33 percent of the amount that went to the Gaming Division could be used by them. That was to allow for some leeway. What is not spent does also lapse into the General Fund at this point in time. Now when we end up, if this amendment is adopted, allowing the communities to get involved in this electronic-type of play, you are going to do some things. First of all, I didn't mention this the last time, Senator Warner brought this to my attention. There will be new start-up funds that may be involved for the Gaming Division for the state to be able to regulate and to be able to have enforcement of this kind of game, because you really get into a new area here. So that is one of the reasons that they need some additional money. The other thing is enforcement will go up because of this. As I mentioned the last time I talked, Senator Schmit has often on this floor, and in comments to me, and in fact in a letter to me, said it was my responsibility as Chairman of this General Affairs Committee, to make sure that illegal gambling activity is regulated in this state. This will help the Gaming Division to be able to do that. I have already mentioned to you that if this amendment is adopted, and the Hall amendment is adopted, the revenues now going to Charitable Gaming will go down because of the way we tax at this point in time. The third thing I want to tell you that I didn't mention the last time, and I am mentioning it now because of some of the comments were made is that the General Affairs Committee has introduced an interim study, to look at not only illegal gambling in Nebraska, but it would also include the ability to look at the funding, or the lack of it, that now goes into the Charitable Gaming Operations for its enforcement, its regulation, and so on, for gaming activity. I am not going to say any more than the fact that I hope you will offer me the opportunity to reconsider this motion. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Robak, on the motion to reconsider? Senator Will, on the reconsideration?