

most of them have been for very, very benevolent purposes. And so this is just one more opportunity. In this case, I finally decided, after he brought it to us, that this is something that the children are there at the fair, I would rather see them there with their parents. Drinking is prohibited and the kids can play bingo sitting beside their parent at the county fair and that's absolutely all this bill is going to allow.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: Pardon? Senator Bernard-Stevens is hassling me. He told me a little bit ago that for...he always thought that when you were addicted to something you are either talking about it all the time or you're...what did you say, Dave?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Around it.

SENATOR SMITH: You're around it all the time and for someone who does not say they're addicted to gambling, I sure do a lot of talking about it. (Laughter.) I would ask for your consideration for this. I guess I would say for your consideration not to return because what this does is gut the bill, the original bill. Senator Haberman allowed us to Christmas tree his bill and some of the others of us here on the floor have some things at stake here because we've attached other bills to it. For instance, I have attached a bill, LB 345, which is an extensive rewrite of the charitable gaming laws and we hope it's the final draft for the time being to make everything kosher as far as the Charitable Gaming Division is concerned. And I know that Senator Lowell Johnson has a concern as well as a few other people here. I am not going to stand and continue to argue it a long time. I think that it stands on its own once we've explained it...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...because I just think we had some misinformation on it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam President. I, likewise, rise in opposition to the Wehrbein motion to return. I may be imagining things but I seem to remember that we have already had