

have some other things in it. We had some objection. Senator Lynch came back and offered some other amendments to us and we adopted part of that. What this becomes then...the bill becomes the Standing Committee amendments and that's what he is offering right here. The other thing that is in this what you're offering, in my understanding, is that it would require an administrative order to be issued within 45 days following the conclusion of a hearing on the administrative action taken. So that's a part of it and that was a concern you had. And there is no concern as far as the Department of Gaming on either one of the...or, excuse me, the Gaming Division on either one of these two provisions. They don't even anticipate that there would be a significant increase in pickle card operators with the 75 percent limitation, if that was eliminated. I support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I, too, to rise to support the Lynch-Hartnett amendment. The background of this amendment and the need for it is that under the previous administration, under the Orr administration in 1988, I believe, the administration introduced a bill that would have outlawed the sale of pickle cards, the use of pickle cards by charities to raise revenue. And there were concerns at that time about some pickle card operations that had gotten out of hand, counterfeit pickle cards. The administration thought the solution to all of this was simply to ban pickle cards. As a result, there were a number of compromises made that scaled back on the way the pickle cards are sold, the places they may be sold. One of the compromises was that where previously they simply could be sold at any retailer, the amendment that was adopted at that time specified that the retailer, number one, had to have a liquor license, and, number two, had to realize at least 75 percent of its revenue from sales of alcoholic beverages. Basically, what that meant was that the only places pickle cards could be sold were bars and retail liquor stores that were pretty much liquor stores and that's it. The result of that was that a number of organizations that had sold pickle cards at other locations, primarily grocery stores and convenience shops, all of a sudden didn't have a place to sell pickle cards. The number of locations was reduced by, if not significantly, at least by enough of an amount that it disturbed some charities that were selling pickle cards. The charity in particular that Senator Lynch is talking about sold pickle cards