

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Lynch, and to continue on I was going to say, add some more, Senator Moore, for your information. This was some information that we had received from the Gaming Division. The information we have says that there were 548 off-sale only liquor license holders, and of this total, 91 were licensed to sell pickle cards. That represents 10 percent of the total. The Gaming Division again does not expect a significant increase in the number of pickle card operators if the 75 percent limitation is eliminated and I'd like to read what they say here. Prior to LB 1232, a liquor license was not required. A lot of the businesses that were eliminated with the enactment of 1232 did not have liquor licenses and it says that we have 73 convenience stores and 40 grocery stores licensed to sell pickle cards prior to that, to LB 1232. Assuming all of these have off-sale liquor licenses only, it would represent a small percentage of the total number of 548 and they went on to say that they thought that there were too many internal control problems associated with pickle cards that would make other options more viable if they exist. The situation has changed considerably from what it was in 1988.

SENATOR LYNCH: The only thing, members, I'd add to that is that what this does is maintain, I think, a rather strict formula for oversight for this kind of gambling and also what it does is provide the responsibility because there will be somebody in charge at that facility because of the liquor license that should have the responsibility if we're making sure that there is an appropriate use and sale of this device. I'd ask for your support for this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. We'll now vote on the Lynch amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Lynch amendment? Have you all voted?

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman, to save time I probably will have to seriously consider the possibility...thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Call the house.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have a request for a call of the house.

SENATOR HALL: Take call in votes.