

is, is that it wouldn't just be a 100, it would be a tripling of the tax in this bill through the Moore amendment. We've already doubled it with the Johnson amendment which the locals don't like, but the locals that are affected that have the tracks understand it. They recognize the economic impact that those tracks have on their communities and they're willing to accept it, but if you take and you put it up to 6 percent on the tax that comes off of the gross, it doesn't come off the net, doesn't come off after prizes, it comes off at the very front end. You're now to the point where you've got a very burdensome tax and what you've done is you've taken the profit out of the proposal. The way to have done it is to have taken it out, given them the option to use the machines and share in the profits. That's how the operators structure their bids. They share in the profits. That's where they make their money. That's exactly how it works. You can tax it to kingdom come, but if you tax it out of existence to the point where it is no longer profitable, you have nothing and that's the direction you move with Senator Moore's amendment. I would urge that you reject it. I appreciate his effort at revenue raising though.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Smith followed by Senator Will.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President, this is really interesting and I don't know what I'm going to do on this and contrary to what you might think, Senator Hall, there was someone out there in the Rotunda, but he was not legitimate, he was with the Gaming Division and he doesn't have any say-so in this area. So he's right down in the Department of Revenue checking to see what they think about this proposal. One of the things that he did tell me though is that very obviously they will become much more active in the Omaha-Douglas County area with the start-up of the keno operation there. So there might be some justification for this and, you know, we always are looking for money and you as the Chair of the Department of Revenue ought to support that idea maybe. Do you want the rest of my time, Senator Hall?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, I'd love it. Senator Smith, the...my numbers tell me that charitable gaming sent back to the General Fund, \$1.5 million and I doubt if they will have \$1.5 million worth of increased operation. They are currently functioning in that capacity in Ralston and LaVista. I don't think they're going to have to do much more in the way of oversight. In terms