

around the state? I don't think so. That's what you do...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...with the system you have. I'm not going to speak on this again, because I have high respect for the work of the committee and Senator Smith in particular. I know she has devoted a lot of time to this. I just want to say this, ladies and gentlemen, if you vote against the Smith amendment, you're voting for the people of the State of Nebraska and proper regulation, certification, and control of a very lucrative business. If you vote for the Smith amendment, you are voting for the counterfeiters and the bootleggers. It is not Senator Smith's fault, but that's just the way it is. You are giving license to the counterfeiters, and you are saying that the walls are down, continue to do business in Nebraska without restraint, three-fourths of the business in Nebraska is yours, because we will not hamper your operation.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I don't think we want that. I ask you to vote against the Smith amendment.

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

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, members of the body, I rise in support of the Smith amendment. This would, as Senator Smith explained, take out the Schmit amendment that was adopted on General File, or earlier on Select File, I don't recall correctly right now. But in effect what the Schmit amendment did was say that the State of Nebraska would be put in the business of distributing pickle cards. And we have a network, right now, of pickle card distributors that are very reputable, above-board business people in the state right now who would be, in effect, put out of business by this amendment. I think, as Senator Smith indicated, this is a proper issue for study between now and next session. It's probably not a wise thing to enact in this bill. I know that there are a number of distributors that worked very hard to establish themselves as business people with good reputations, as people that serve charities well. And I think it would be a shame, because we do have a few people out there operating outside the law, that are not licensed by the Department of Revenue, to punish those that are licensed and that do a good job of distributing pickle cards