

now. I would urge your adoption of the Smith amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Cudaback, followed by Senators Chizek and Schmit.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President, members, out of all the letters I have received this session, I have probably really received more letters against this than any other subject. I guess it wasn't so much as whether it was right or wrong, but as a fact that the people did not have a public hearing on the matter. And I guess a major change like this should be brought before the committee, and the committee make a recommendation, and so on and so forth. So, with this, whether Senator Schmit is wrong or right, we should let the committee have the hearing and so on. So, with this, I guess I would be for the Senator Smith amendment. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President, I didn't want to speak again, but I hope that some of you read the letter I sent out last Friday, when I had to leave early. Appreciate the fact that Senator Smith did not push this and did give me a chance to speak on it. I would also hope that you would have read the letter from the Iowa Lottery Director of this portion of the gambling statute. The provision that I have placed in the statute does not prevent the present distributors from distributing pickles. The Nebraska Department of Revenue can contract with those distributors for the distribution. It does not say that the State of Nebraska shall print the tickets. It says that the State of Nebraska shall contract with a vendor for the printing of tickets and the distribution. It gives the state the right to do those things. That is what I have intensioned, that is what they can do. I heard someone say that, well, the State of Nebraska can't do it. If they can't do it, they're incompetent, or lazy, or probably both. I do not think that's true. If the State of Nebraska...State of Iowa can do it, in a state of 2,600,000 people, we can do it. Does not need to put the present legal distributor out of business. The facts are that if three-fourths of the pickles being distributed today are illegal, and if they are distributed under my amendment legally, the existing distributors will probably distribute more pickles than they are doing at the present time. The only difference will be they will be legal, they will be taxed, they will be accounted and counted for, and the state