

of a contract is somewhat different, where the specifications for a tractor of something that can have fairly hard definition for specifications, these contracts for the awarding can be, in some cases, specific, but in some cases, I suspect, are a little broader. In any event, it seemed to me that it was good public policy simply to remove the potential for criticism of public offices, officeholders, to simply prohibit the contribution of campaign funds by the principals or their representatives directly to a campaign for a statewide office. That's the purpose of the bill, and I would hope that the body would advance it.

SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Warner. You've heard the opening on the bill. Senator Schellpeper, your light is next.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. It does bother me a little bit, I guess, that we are singling out one entity to say that they can't give any money for anyone, and it is just lottery. I guess that I am not saying whether it is right or wrong, but we are singling out only one entity. I think with this legislation, what we are assuming is that lotteries are crooked, and I guess I think the one in Nebraska is run very well. Whether or not they can give money to any campaign, we are singling out only one entity, and that does bother me a little bit. I think if we are going to single out an entity, we should do more for...or else none at all, but just to say just lotteries, it is assuming that they are not run correctly, or that the people involved with them are crooks. And I think that's the wrong attitude to have about campaigns. I am not saying that they should be given large sums of money, or they even shouldn't, but I just think it is wrong when you start to come in and say we are going to say that lotteries cannot give any campaign funds. I think we are headed down a road that I hate to see happening, when we start on one entity is all. We are not saying you can't do it for any other entity, just lotteries. I just think it is not the right way to go. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Hartnett, followed by Senator Hall and Senator Warner.