

examples that I could give you in other areas, other states, where there have been some activity along this line that was inappropriate. I have intentionally not dwelled on that because it would be interpreted that I was alleging that that was true in Nebraska. I am not, I don't believe it is, but I also believe historically that the avoidance from that appearance is desirable.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. The Chair recognizes Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. Once, again, it seems like we are saying that if you are involved in lotteries or anything that deals with gambling that's evil, and there is evil people involved. I think there is evil people involved in all kinds of contracts with the state or anything else. But we are singling out one entity, only lotteries. There is a lot of things involved, and I think maybe an amendment that would pertain to companies that bid on state contracts might be appropriate, and we may have to take a look at this on Select. But it is just a bad road to head down to say we are going to limit one entity, and that it is an evil entity. It is the only one we have in the state that is evil. I think that's also a bad way to head down. But I think it needs to be...if we are going to do it, we should make it broader. We should outlaw a lot of other entities from giving money to candidates, not just the one entity. I would certainly favor broadening it and making it a lot broader, rather than to just say lotteries. I think Nebraska's lottery, I know they gave a lot of money to the Governor. Whether, you know, I don't personally think that had anything to do with who received the contract, but I know it looks bad when you have a company that gives somebody 10 or 15 thousand or whatever they gave to the Governor, but it is just wrong to say, all right, they gave that and they got the contract; other companies gave the Governor money also, and they didn't get the contract. But I think the lottery in Nebraska is run very well. I think the company that has it is a very respected company, and I just would like to see it, if we are going to do it, that we made it a lot broader and affect a lot more companies than just the lotteries. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, just a momentary interruption. Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, Senator Avery, as Chair,