

amendment to LB 1277. You should have it on your desk by now, and I'll explain exactly what will happen, but this was LB 328 which is buried somewhere in the murky depths of the General File. But several organizations have asked for a legislation correction that they feel is unfair, a ruling that was rendered by the Department of Revenue. It appears that rather than check to see if the selling of pickle card, profits were properly restricted to groups arbitrarily dropped for pleasure status and can only...and they can only receive the commission on pickle cards. The operators which they had enjoyed in the past had a...they had an operator's license. You also in that handout a list of the organizations that were affected by this ruling. You will note that in Grand Island, the Platt-Duetsche Society and also the Columbia, which is the Knights of Columbus, use and had the operator's license. Now even though they all carry a not-for-profit corporation status with the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Revenue doesn't recognize it as such. It does not change any of the safeguards for...to keep noncharitable activities from benefiting through the certificate of exemption. The ruling that was made in 1988, the Platt-Duetsche estimated that it cost about \$185,000 and it could have been used for their charitable programs. The change has no fiscal impact on the state. Its revenue remain...its revenues will remain the same as they are now. The Platt-Duetsche and Knights of Columbus sponsor many senior citizen activities, a softball program, and many scholarships for needy students. These projects are funded by pickle card sales. I'm sure other organizations are equally valuable to their respective communities, and I hope that you might support this amendment. If there's any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schellpeper, you are recognized to speak, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support the Fisher amendment. Actually this is LB 328 that we had in the General Affairs last year. It was introduced by Senator Robinson. There was no opposition. Actually it's just an explanation and a clarification, and it allows some of these nonprofits to become involved a little more, so I support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Fisher, there are no lights on. Would