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secrets about what those games are, I tell you to me there needs to be some improvement in these inspections, and so on. I don't, you know, I don't deny they need to be made, but if they are going to write us up for some of the things that they do, then there is other places that, obviously, shouldn't be in business. So my concern is that we've taken their cash fund away from them; they're trying to build the thing back up. I just know there is some efficiencies can be built into the system that they have out there now. Having worked with them, I am not there, obviously, while we're in session, but when I am home, occasionally you have opportunity to visit with these people. It's nothing personal. It's just that they need to get their act together and get some efficiencies created here so that they can operate under the budget they have now. So I'm going to oppose the bill and let them convince me, if they can, that they actually need these fees increased. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. Any further discussion on LB 161? Seeing none, Senator Kremer, you're recognized to close on LB 161.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you for the questions, and if you need some more information, we will try to do that on efficiency. The bill stayed in committee for about two weeks because we had some concerns that way too. Then how do you address that if it's, like Senator Janssen mentioned, it's too much of a burden on the owner of the devices? Then we maybe should appropriate more money from the General Fund. That's what switched around and why we're in the situation we are right now. Or we can say only inspect these devices every 18 months rather than 12 months, and is that the best for the consumer out there, that we don't know exactly what the position is of the funds. And I guess we could say, get more efficient. They did come back to us and we really questioned them on how efficient they were by just appropriating less money to them, and let them get by with it. If they can't get everything inspected, I guess that's the consequences of that. So I guess with that, if anybody has questions, feel free to come to us and we'll try to get the answers to you. It's something that needs to be...we need to have the Division of Weights and Measures just to protect us as consumers. And how we address it is probably up for debate