

accordingly. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Wickersham, could I just ask a couple of questions please.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR HORGAN: Senator Wickersham, I have a couple of questions about the disclosure of these funds, and can you give me some background and explanation of how much money is a typical volunteer fire department raising and how are they expending those dollars, and what's the disclosure of how those dollars are spent?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay, well, I guess I really don't want to try to speak for all volunteer fire departments in the state because it varies greatly. Some of them raise far more money than others. My hometown volunteer fire department, of which I am a member, raises I think on the average about \$2,000 a year, but that's a very small fire department. Others, obviously, raise greater sums. We expend our money on training. We do have an annual appreciation dinner for the spouses, and we also spend it on repairs for the city equipment.

SENATOR HORGAN: And the dollars that your fire department or others raise in part are gaming dollars, is that right,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No.

SENATOR HORGAN: ...through pickle sales?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No. No. At one time we did raise funds through pickle card sales but we no longer do. However, if you raise funds through pickle card sales, those...the uses of those funds are restricted and there are reports filed quarterly I believe with the Department of Revenue, and you have to account for every cent.

SENATOR HORGAN: So any gaming dollars would be subject to the state reporting requirement?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.