

fact, want a state lottery. As a peripheral comment, I don't even know if that's necessary...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...to give it as a vote of the people, as I understand things, it may not be needed. But if that's going to be the will of the body that this needs to be submitted to the people, it ought to be submitted simply and directly and not with other peripheral issues. So, for that reason, I will not be voting for Senator Smith's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise again in opposition to Senator Smith's amendment. I would agree with most of what Senator Withem says. The issue...the way this has been clouded, tied in and, I guess, confused with other issues not only extends to what type of lottery but I think you will see with the next bill we'll move to the next stage of peripheral issues and that will be where it ought to be spent. That will be the next stage, I will warn you, with regard to once the money starts to come in the peripheral issues will shift their focus away from the type and then to who is the most needy in terms of the issue of spending that money so that you're just crossing the first bridge, there's a couple more to follow after this proposal gets advanced. Again, the issue of the machines is not do you agree with a video lottery or not, that's not the question here. The question here is what form does the constitutional amendment take. It should be as clear, concise and as simple and as broad as possible, clearly. Nothing happens, it doesn't mean that automatically video lottery is part of the package. That has to be addressed by this body separate and distinct. I introduced a bill to that effect this year. If I were to propose it as an amendment, it would be to the bill that follows, not to this and it would not be part of the Constitution. It would be hypocritical at best to argue that you should not place a ban in but you should also turn around and place the ability for those machines to operate in the Constitution. Baggage is baggage. It doesn't matter if it's for or against whatever the proposal might be. This amendment by Senator Smith is baggage. The issue of what people want and what they don't want, I think, is still up for debate. Those polls that have been taken, those issues with regard to lottery that have been addressed so far that the people have