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LB 849
LR 24

act would not become effective until a constitutional amendment in the person of LR 24 that we advanced prior to this, would be enacted. If we pass this bill, if we move it across along with LR 24 and enact it, the bill...the lottery would not begin until the approval of a constitutional amendment by the people of the State of Nebraska. I guess, with that, I would answer any questions anyone might have.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Further discussion on the adoption of the committee amendments? Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President, would Senator Smith yield to a question?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I would be happy to.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Smith, I was wondering, how do these two bills that we've taken up today mesh together, LB 849, as well as the constitutional amendment? Do we have to pass that constitutional amendment in order for LB 849 to up the Nebraska...

SENATOR SMITH: To become effective?

SENATOR ABOUD: To become effective in Nebraska statutes?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, and I'm glad that you brought that up, Chris, because I would have...I had my light on and I would have spoken to that very issue. I want to make it very clear to everyone in here that when we pass...and that's why we have them in the position they're in as they came out of committee, we have LR 24CA first, which we just dealt with this morning, and that one says the people shall have the right to tell us whether or not we should indeed have a state lottery, and then with a few other provisions. And now with this bill the enabling legislation which is to follow, if it were to move out along with it, there is a section, Section 43, in the committee amendments, which addresses the very question that you are asking and that deals with the fact that the State Lottery Act shall not become operative unless the people have said, yes, we do want a state lottery by their vote on the constitutional