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appropriated to start-up costs for the lottery are to be repaid from revenue from the state lottery so no General Funds are expended. I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. We'll now vote on the Will amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Will's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Is there anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Madam President, I would move the advancement of LB 138A to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hohenstein. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this is the bill that would provide the money to fund that nefarious operation known as the state lottery. I hope there are enough votes this morning to stop this bill from advancing. I don't really feel any compunction about taking time to criticize this activity or to use whatever efforts I can muster to persuade enough of my colleagues to vote against it to stop it from moving. We should not have the state involved in the gambling. I'm going to tell you what will happen if the lottery is put in place and serious social problems begin to develop as a result. The senators, as you've heard some of them already argue, will distance themselves by saying, well, the public voted for a constitutional amendment to allow the Legislature to do this so I have no responsibility. And Pilate gave the perfect example of that. What we ought to do is put small fake silver bowls on every senator's desk, with some water in it, so when a vote is taken on the lottery each senator can wash his or her hands if the vote is yes, and say, I have no part...no guilty part to play in this terrible thing. How they will get to that point is by saying the people in their district wanted a lottery, without having ever really polled the people