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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator Janssen, under this bill, could the operator choose to increase the payout to the vendors to encourage them to sell these tickets and push them?

SENATOR JANSSEN: No, that's not going to happen because they have a contract.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Could they?

SENATOR JANSSEN: No. The one...are you talking about the people who are managing this for the state?

SENATOR REDFIELD: I'm talking about the managers. Statutorily, could they increase the percentage that they pay out to the vendors so that they could promote sales?

SENATOR JANSSEN: No. Right now they have a contract with GTECH for 10.52 percent, but that's what the operation is. It's not...that's not all GTECH, but that is the operation. That can't change.

SENATOR REDFIELD: How much are the vendors currently paid for each lottery ticket they sell?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Hmm, you mean the...in...like in the stores?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: You know, Senator Redfield, I can get that for you, but I don't know exactly what that is.

SENATOR REDFIELD: But you do receive a transaction fee if you sell these in your store?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay, excuse me. We get...the retailer gets about five percent, about a nickel on a dollar then.

SENATOR REDFIELD: All right. So the retailer gets five percent of the sale, or a nickel for a dollar.