

committee amendments pending by the General Affairs Committee, Mr. President. (See page 1187 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel) Senator Smith, Chair of the committee, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, LB 767 is a bill which originally intended to deal with interpretation of a local lottery as being one lottery, and then limiting the local lottery to a community to be only one lottery, one type of lottery. The increasing numbers of subdivisions that are having to resort to lotteries has brought us to this point in time where we feel that we need to do...to be very, very cautious about the regulation process and to look very seriously at the conditions that they can use in conducting local lotteries. They are doing this, of course, because of the loss of federal and state support which they have had in the past and the reliance they have to resort to which is property tax at this point in time, and so this gives them another alternative for the funding of services for the folks at the community level. Another purpose of the bill was to restrict the conduct of a lottery to the geographic boundaries of the subdivision itself unless agreed upon under the Interlocal Cooperation Act. These two things still remain in the original bill but the committee amendments have made a number of changes to the bill. We have taken what we considered to be the noncontroversial parts of three other bills that were heard in our committee, which if we had brought those bills to the floor, we would have really opened up some of the discussion that we had last year regarding pickle parlors, et cetera, and so what we have done is take what we consider to be the parts that are necessary, which are things that will be beneficial which in a year's time we have seen are some things that need to be changed and they will be offered to you in the form of a committee amendment. In addition to that, I do have some other amendments of my own that we will be offering.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the committee amendments I have is offered by Senator Smith. Senator, I have AM1266 in front of me.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.