

to share on the statewide benefits. I am all in favor of the state having a lottery business and running it and operating it, but I do not think it is fair or equitable for the state to not just piggyback on the local lottery but to absorb most of the income. If the state wants to take the responsibility of running it, operating it, as other states have done, then they ought to have the courage and the fortitude to do so openly, but not let the local government, the local mayor and the council, take the heat for setting up a lottery, whatever the heat there is, and then siphon off the bulk of the profits. I think, number two, Senator Hall has a good suggestion. I think that ought to be the way you go, if, in fact, they need more money for supervision. I think that there is sufficient money out there to supervise the activity at the present time, but I certainly would oppose very much a 50 percent increase in revenues to the state. I don't know how we can justify that. You remember, it comes from the city's portion. It is coming from the city or the county's portion. I, very frankly, like very much a county lottery because I believe all their people live within the confines of county and all citizens then benefit because most of them participate. But so long as you are going to have a city lottery, certainly, the entity, the subdivision of government, which establishes that lottery and takes the responsibility for its management, has the principal responsibility for maintaining the integrity of that system, ought to then be entitled to a little bit larger portion than the state. Now if the state can demonstrate, and they have not done that to my knowledge, that they need more money or that they are spending more money to police those entities, then I would be glad to listen to that and to accept some sort of other split, but I don't believe it ought to be a 50-50 split, and I certainly don't think it ought to be a 60-40 split, and given my limited knowledge of the activity up there, at 3 percent for the state, you would leave less than that, maybe as little as 2 percent or maybe even less, for the city and I don't think that is fair. I don't think any of you who come from those areas where they operate the lotteries will think it is fair, and I think...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...all of us ought to think about the fact that if a city or a county or a village in our area were to go to the trouble of establishing a lottery, that we should not have the state siphon off the largest portion of the proceeds. We get