

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Are there any other lights on, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BARRETT: One light.

SENATOR SMITH: I will call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Five hands, please. I do. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Smith, to close.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason I asked if there were any other lights on was because I think we just run into a little round-robin here, the same people talking over and over, and there was a consensus among us that it was time to say this was enough, let's go on and have an up and down vote on it because I don't think we are going to get any of us to change. We have a difference of philosophy and my philosophy is, Senator Hall is saying, and I really don't see that much difference, basically, in the end of what he is talking about, he is saying on the one hand take 35 percent of 2 percent tax and give that to the Charitable Gaming Commission. I am saying, let's raise the tax to 3 percent and give 30 percent of that to the Gaming Commission to make sure that they have enough to regulate the lottery, and I have been very up front about the fact that not only do I want to make sure that the Charitable Gaming Commission has enough money to run their operation, but I believe very strongly that we should make some money for the state out of this. I would like to have the state make money on a state authorized and regulated lottery. It is that simple. It is that clear. I am not hiding anything in the fact that I want to see some more proceeds go to the state, and so for no other reason than that, I am just simply asking you people to support the 3 percent rather than the 2 percent tax to the state. I am going to reiterate that we did lower...we are going to be lowering the tax on pickle cards. We are going to be increasing enforcement with more regulation as a result of more cities and counties conducting local lotteries. And I will close with my comment and say that, Senator Hartnett, for your benefit, we did not have the state involved, it was not