

amendment, then, would eliminate the language from the bill. Therefore, a vote for the amendment would allow counties to conduct lotteries in cities that did not approve them and a vote against the amendment would give cities the power to regulate or prohibit the operation of lotteries not approved by the city. That is important to remember the way you are going to vote on this issue. I will repeat that again. If you vote for the amendment that I am offering, you would allow counties to conduct lotteries in cities, even if a city didn't approve that, while a vote against the amendment would give the cities the power to regulate or prohibit the operation of lotteries not approved by the city, itself. It should be noted that LB 767 still contains language that allows local governing bodies to jointly agree under the Interlocal Cooperations Act to run a lottery together. That could still happen. Voters in each area would have to authorize a lottery first, however. In addition, another section of the bill prohibits counties and cities from conducting lotteries outside of their geographic boundaries. Therefore, the issue is whether a county-approved lottery should be allowed to operate in a city within that county without any city input, regulation, or supervision of that lottery. This is an issue primarily, quite honestly, between Omaha and Douglas County at this point in time. This amendment has been printed in the Journal. And I don't know if I am going to ask for its adoption or not, I am going to ask for discussion on it instead I think. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in opposition to Senator Smith's amendment today. Senator Smith, I don't know. I may change my mind between now and Select File, but because I think there needs to be the ability for cities to say who operates a lottery within their boundaries. It is a real problem where I come from with regard to the City of Omaha and Douglas County, because the city virtually just about has extended to all borders of the county, and to operate a city lottery would be to virtually operate a countywide lottery. But what they have traditionally done is had an agreement through an intercooperational, Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, and I would heartily urge them to do that again. I think that they need to make sure that they have that at the Omaha and Douglas County level so that they do work in concert toward this end. I don't think that either of these entities will probably do a separate lottery effort. I think it will probably be a joint