

many dollars that are going to be out there and be spent. The question is, where are they spent, and are they some kind of a panacea with regard to the amount of money that they're going to raise to correct any kind of shortfall, or provide any kind of reserve, or a fund that is available for projects that can't be budgeted for. I won't make that argument, especially on a ticket lottery for the State of Nebraska, but I've made the argument and will continue to make the argument that the state should very quickly get into the game, if you will. I would probably go so far as to add...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...we should take over the system entirely. In other words, wipe out the local option lotteries and have the state be the only one to operate. That would run into much opposition from the locals. I'll turn the balance of your time back to you.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Senator Hall. I'm not in support of expansion of gambling either. But, if it's going to happen, I tend to agree with the broad conclusion that I believe I heard Senator Hall express, that it would be better to have one system, state operated. And it would seem to me that the more we expand the opportunity of cooperation at the local level, the less likely it will ever be that you could get a...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...a state system, and for those reasons I'm probably not going to vote to advance.

SPEAKER BAACK: Further discussion on the bill. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just wanted to expand a little on the conversation that Senator Warner and Senator Hall were having. I agree with the two of them, that probably ideally we ought to do away with local option gambling and have a single state system, so we have three votes now. Maybe down the line we can talk to some of our colleagues and see if we can get something done. But I think an important thing to address, when you're talking about the competition for gambling dollars, is that we are talking about very different types of games. A keno game is a game where an individual, typically, goes to a location, sits down, it's a continuous type