

of play. The game comes up with a new series of numbers every five or ten minutes. It's a game that occurs in a social setting. Frankly, the main competition that keno provides is with bingo games that our charities run, particularly in the Omaha area. When you're talking about a state lottery, Senator Warner, I've designated the Governor's lottery bill as my priority bill, LB 849. And what it would provide for is a ticket type lottery, which would be your typical...you buy a ticket, there's a drawing once or twice a week, and also an instant game that would be the type of thing that a person would buy when they're going through a grocery store checkout line, a scratch off type game. Those are...when you look at profiles of people that play different types of games, those have a very different segment of the population that play them. So I think to that extent...to the extent that LB 795 would allow expanded keno type gaming in Douglas County, I think that it really probably would not have a significant impact on a state lottery of the type that I've co-sponsored along with the Governor in LB 849. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Further discussion on the bill, Senator Abboud. Senator Abboud, did you wish to discuss the bill? Your light is the last light that is on. Is there any one else wishing to discuss the bill? Senator Hall, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HALL: Only, Mr. Speaker, to urge the advancement of the bill to E & R initial, and to, in a sense, recognize fully the comments that Senator Warner made, because I think I testified to that effect when I introduced a statewide lottery proposal, one that included videos, because I am aware of the fact that there are currently video keno machines that are being experimented with in the Ralston area. And I can see where those, because they happen to fall within the parameters, the guidelines of the statutes that outlaw player activated machines, they don't meet that definition I guess, that we could very likely see a...the local option lotteries become video kenos. And, basically, what the state will have done is abdicated their ability, or abdicated their authority to run a statewide game of that nature. And we will have said...and we will be the only state that will have said that the locals get the gaming dollars, and that's a policy decision we can still make. We're off to a good start, as Senator Will pointed out, with three votes. But the repeal of that is something that we will probably have to address in the overall picture of gaming