

discussed in the committee. And I would just simply say that Senator Will was the one that brought it to us, and he was able to convince the committee for a number of reasons, I don't know why, at this point in time I'll have to ask him to debate that with you. I don't want to steal his thunder. I know that he intends to tell you the reasons why he thinks it is important for us to be...for us to retain it, and I know he did convince the committee. So I'll just stop there and say that the committee did support it, and it did have adequate hearing and discussion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, thank you. For those of you who thought that Senator Hall always had my vote, I hate to disappoint you, cause I rise in opposition to the Hall amendment to the Smith amendment. As Senator Smith said, the...I pushed the proposal, that we're talking about, in the committee and got it included in the amendment. What happens is we have a situation where, as Senator Hall pointed out, we have licenses that very strictly categorize people along the chain, when it comes to the manufacture, distribution, selling, and so on of pickle cards. We have a situation right now between...where there's a grey area between manufacturers and distributors. There is a distributor, at least one that I know of, who testified in front of the General Affairs Committee and asked us to adopt this amendment. And what happens is that this distributor takes bingo paper and he cuts the bingo paper and he puts it into books so it's ready for charities to use. Apparently as a bingo game is being conducted there are certain configurations of cards that are pleasing to the contestants, and the charities like having them in that fashion. And this distributor simply cuts the paper and puts them in those configurations. Now what's happened as the Department of Revenue has very zealously looked at the laws that govern the area of charitable gaming, they've come to the conclusion that, you know, to cut the paper in that fashion is, technically under our laws, to be manufacturing. So I guess I would differ a little with Senator Hall on what this amendment does. It's not really allowing a manufacturer to be a distributor. It's allowing a distributor to perform one function that could be interpreted as being a manufacturer's function. There are other distributors in direct competition with this individual who have chosen not to cut bingo paper. They don't have the machinery. They would just as soon see this restriction apply to...so only