

manufacturers could cut the paper. My argument would be that if this distributor is performing a function that he's performed, he's done this for four or five years, he's done it before the law was in place that would have banned it. It's been a natural part of his business, he has not run other distributors out of the business, he simply is going along, using a technique that has his customers in a position where they like doing business with him. I see no reason why we shouldn't adjust the law, as we do all the time in the area of gaming, to account for practices that are going on out there, that there is nothing...there's nothing fishy about the practice at all. He simply cuts paper, other distributors choose not to. I would oppose the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Any further discussion on the Hall amendment? Senator Hall, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker. Senator Will, how quickly we forget. But, in any case, the (laugh)...And, Senator Smith, I don't mind if my amendments get people to pay attention to what's going on at all. It's really kind of interesting. The issue here is clearly one of a separation of duties, as Senator Will points out. It is nothing more than that. But that's exactly why they were put in place when we established these back in 1987. The issue was a train process with regard to who does what, whose responsibility is what. Under the amendment the potential is here for this distributor to purchase this paper, in any bulk that they choose, because they happen to have, as Senator Will points out, a machine to cut it into whatever configuration they choose to. If that be the case, they could purchase it any place, any time, from any one. And, as the source of paper for the gaming operator, they have the ability to manufacture any type of configuration, if you will. Right now, currently, as it exists the manufacturers are the only ones that can do that. That's correct. They are. There's a reason for that. The reason is that the department wants to control what is currently being played. We not only control the type of configuration of paper, we control the amount of money that can be charged, the amount of money that can be rented...paid to rent a hall. We can control what can and cannot be done within the confines of that hall with regard to the people who can enter. We control everything with regards to a bingo operation. Yet in this single case, because we have one specific individual who wants to go beyond what we would describe as I guess the job description of a distributor, and do