

weeks and I think it's Ralston and LaVista in the Omaha area. They have been I guess quasi approved by the Department of Revenue through the Charitable Gaming Division once modified. The modification is going to take place or is taking place right now on the machines in order that they comport to state statute. What I would do through this amendment, hopefully, which is difficult to do, let me tell you, to draft an amendment to ban those types of machines, the right kind of language, would do that. It would just say that you could not use a video keno machine in your operation. Why do I do that? If you remember back to when we discussed this bill previously, Senator Warner stood up and asked me about the whole issue of state versus local lottery. What is going to happen as we get into the issue of who, basically, gets the revenue from this. As you all know, I've been a proponent of a state lottery. I think the state ought to be in the business. We have to regulate it. I think we should receive a revenue from that source. I believe that if we don't pass this amendment to this bill or some other bill, but if we don't pass this amendment this session, what you will see is you will see a video lottery, video keno, call it what you will, but a video operation that will be spread throughout the state from every community no matter what size, the smallest community out there to the largest community of Omaha, and they will be in all different kinds of forms. They will be self-contained meaning that they will be within the Omaha, Douglas County lottery. They will be within the Ralston lottery, the LaVista lottery. And then you will see a number of small communities band together and do a state-local lottery, if you will, using these types of machines. I think that these machines pose the most serious threat to this state ever entering the gaming operation than anything that's been out there before. We are the only state in the nation that allow for local entities to run gambling operations, local lotteries. Nobody else in the country does that. Everybody else has taken it over as a state, has supervised it, regulated it and controlled it. And in many cases because of the local involvement, because of their participation, what they have done to solve the problem that I'm sure supporters of the local lottery will throw forward on this is that they have sent money back to those local entities. They have cut them into the action, if you will, and said, look, we know that you're not doing this, that it takes place in your entity, we have to feel that we should give back a portion of that to the local subdivisions and they do that. They set aside monies for that purpose, to go and flow back to the local governments. What we