

have done in this state is the exact opposite, the reverse and I think we've gone down the wrong path. We have let the locals go about their business in terms of running various types of operations out there. It, to me, is I think a bad public policy to have a number of different types of operations going on out there and now the state, through the Charitable Gaming Division is saying that we're going to go one step further and allow for video keno machines to be played in this state. Tell me what the difference is between a video keno machine and a video lottery machine. Frankly, there is none. There is very little difference between them and they will be tied together, you will see them proliferate across the state. They will be in every tavern, every restaurant, in every small community throughout the state and they will be tied together somehow either through a telephone line or through an on-line system and they will be run as a joint venture amongst the smaller communities and then you'll see the separate operations, like I said, the stand-alones, if you will, the self-contained in the larger communities. And yet the state will have to come in and provide regulation and oversight and reap nothing more than what I would consider a nominal fee in the form of a tax in this area and probably won't even cover our cost, may very well could, but I believe it's time to stop it before it starts. I don't know, I guess the interpretation of the statute is open for discussion on whether or not these machines are allowed by statute or not. I would argue that it's a close call when you read the statute and you talk about electronic device. I mean, where do you draw the line and that is why the modifications that are being proposed now with regard to how the machines operate in order for them to just, I guess in someone's interpretation, creep within the parameters of the statute. I would argue that the statute is clear that the public policy was made when the Legislature decided not to allow electronic machines to be used in gaming, whether it be a video lottery proposal, such as I would support only if the state does it, or a video keno machine that is player activated as they currently are, the models that are in Ralston and LaVista. I think that this is a serious change in terms of what the statute and the intent of the Legislature was, is currently being done administratively through the Department of Revenue, Charitable Gaming Division, and I want to go on record through this amendment by saying that I don't think that it's where we need to be moving. I have argued that we should be moving away from local option lotteries. If they want to do it, they ought to do it self-contained, on site, on premises, in lottery and keno