

SENATOR HALL: Senator Smith, first of all, you...

SENATOR SMITH: Am I putting you on the spot here?

SENATOR HALL: No, you cut me to the quick...

SENATOR SMITH: Oh, yeah.

SENATOR HALL: ...with attacking my integrity. Just because I've offered the amendment, all of a sudden...(interruption)

SENATOR SMITH: No, no, but I am...I do want to ask you that question.

SENATOR HALL: But I still appreciate that and consider that a compliment as well. In any case, no, that's clearly...we should be on the same side on this. That's really all I'm trying to do, I mean, read the amendment, that's all it does. It is a ban on those types of machines. My purpose for doing that may not be the same as your purpose for doing it. My purpose is that if these machines go in place, there will never be the ability, I don't think, much less the probably need to ever adjust the issue of video lottery. Yes, I prefer video lottery because of the revenue it raises for the state. I want to see the state, if anybody is going to get into this business, I believe it ought to be the state, not the local subdivisions of government. By banning these, they could...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...still play the keno game in the parlor like we set it up and it was intentioned to operate. All I do is keep them from using these machines that they have started to experiment with and have intention of putting throughout I think a number of other locations. They are going to try to expand. You know it's coming, it's going to...that's exactly what is down the road for these types of things. I think if we're going to get into this and allow it, the state ought to be doing it, the state ought to be regulating it. It ought to be through the form of a video lottery. Keno happens to be a game that can be played on video lottery, so it is clearly apples and apples. One might be a Jonathan, one might be a Delicious, but they're all apples and it comes up cherries in these games.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, I think I used the word mistakenly. I