

adopt at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Schmit. We will go to the next speaker, Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I have a question for Senator Hall. Senator Hall, would you yield, please?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Hall, in reading through your amendment, the way I interpret it is that you're banning any type of machine involved in keno operations apparently, or lottery...

SENATOR HALL: No...

SENATOR ABOUD: Let me finish.

SENATOR HALL: Okay.

SENATOR ABOUD: Any type of machine that distributes a ticket. Is that accurate? You can respond.

SENATOR HALL: No, it would not. It would not ban, and this is the reason you run into problems in drafting these amendments because you run into a problem when you walk up to the counter and you buy, you hand the little sheet of paper to the person behind the counter and they give you a ticket that is your lottery ticket and it punches it out, the computer punches it out. I don't want to ban that machine. That's not my intent. I don't think this amendment does that, but what currently happens now is there is, instead of having to walk up to the counter, there is these self-freestanding machines that I can just go over and play. I can put my credit card in that I purchased up at the counter. I can sit down to that machine and play it and I never have to go back to the counter. I play my own game. It's fully self-contained in that machine and those are the ones I want to ban because what is going to happen is they are going to move from the site, the keno parlor, and they are going to be placed in every retail liquor establishment throughout the county, throughout the city, wherever they might be operating, and it's going to preempt any statewide video lottery that I would like to see the state operate, not local subdivisions of government. It's clearly not that I don't