

want...I'm not advocating against video machines, I'm advocating against local entities of government having them as opposed to the state. And I fully believe...I'll talk on my time.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. I understand what you're attempting to do. You're talking about a machine, freestanding machine by itself being able to be operated by a person. They insert money into it and a ticket comes back out or anyway that person doesn't have a third person in there interacting and acting as a normal keno operation. I do have a concern though with the language that you have here when it says, when it states that no ticket shall be distributed by a computer or other electronic selection device which would be a...

SENATOR HALL: But the key is, which is activated by the player, Chris, if you read the balance of it.

SENATOR ABOUD: I understand that, but it says or other machine which is activated by a player. So it could be this first section here where the ticket is operated, distributed by the computer or other electronic device or machine which is activated by the player. I don't know whether that "or", it should read, I guess, "and", and as activated.

SENATOR HALL: That's very likely the way it should read. When I introduced this, I said this is probably one of the toughest amendments to draft.

SENATOR ABOUD: I agree. It's very difficult.

SENATOR HALL: Because frankly, I think they are banned right now when you read the statute. I would argue they are banned. The department feels otherwise. They are doing something administratively that I don't think they have the ability to do. They have decided to do that under their own auspices which is fine. I just want the Legislature to go on record one way or another, either endorsing or opposing what is currently happening and I, frankly, will have a lot of people ringing my phone because of this amendment, should it be adopted, but I don't think we've made any affirmative steps in this direction and I see it taking place, I see it beginning to happen, I see modifications in machines so that then they do fit within the guidelines as the Revenue Department...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.