

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: That's exactly all it is. That's why the argument at the local level and everything else.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, thank you. Thank you very much. Now what I would just like to tell you just because you stick your toe in the water, do you want to have to jump in every time, all the way?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Smith, is that like being...no. I like the water.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, okay.

SENATOR HALL: You know, I...

SENATOR SMITH: I couldn't pass this up. I guess I'm going to make it...I'm going to tell you right now that I'm going to pull this amendment. I see that I don't have the support for it. I felt that I needed to make the point because I think it's a valid point. But I also recognize that some of the things that Senator Hall and Senator Withem...and I'm being serious now, particularly have stated here makes sense and some of the members of the committee, in their reason for opposing me when I tried to remove the opportunity for video lottery, to be a part of any kind of state lottery in the Constitution. And I think the point they made...and I can go back a little further than that and say that even though I am traditionally opposed to gambling, I have always felt as Chairman of the committee I had to be as fair and objective as I could be and I just always left the door open for everything else that anybody else thought that they wanted to have and the vote was always their vote. We have always worked that way in the committee. The thing though that I have also said is that, even though I'm opposed to gambling, I thought the people of the state ought to be able to tell me whether or not they wanted a state lottery. And now I guess that, in all fairness, I should say that I shouldn't tell them but I will tell you what you're going to...what I will let you say you want to do to me. So maybe, in all fairness, I should leave it open. If we're going to have a vote of the people to say do we or do we not want a state run, regulated, operated lottery, then maybe they should have that option just to be able to do that and in the enabling legislation I will fight tooth and toenail forever and all time as long as I'm in this body to