

body, I'll give you a really brief summary of the bill, itself, and then I'm going to turn the amendments over to the Vice-Chair of the committee, whose also the person whose taken it as a priority bill. Senator Will will take it from there. LB 849, as originally introduced, would establish a state lottery which would include an instant ticket, which is a scratch-off, and an on-line lottery game. The bill creates the lottery division of the Department of Revenue to be administered by a director who would be responsible for administering and regulating the lottery games conducted pursuant to the act. The bill represents a bare bones approach to establishing a lottery, due to the fact that the Governor wanted to get a lottery proposal introduced as soon as possible, and to allow us to have some input into how that would be formulated. The Standing Committee amendments strike the original sections of the bill, so you need to be listening to this right now. The Standing Committee amendments strike the original provisions of the bill, to replace them with new sections which fill in the gaps of the bill. And, as I've already mentioned, since Senator Will has designated this as his priority bill, I'm going to turn it over to him at this time and let him explain the committee amendments since they become the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President and Senator Smith. As Senator Smith indicated, I have taken this as my priority bill, and worked with the Department of Revenue and the Governor's office in developing what ultimately became the committee amendment. The committee amendment, as Senator Smith indicated, does gut the bill completely. It's a new copy of the bill. It's AM1071, which is a 126-page long amendment that you'll find in your bill book, it's 121 pages, actually. But the pertinent part of the amendment, the part that is not simply harmonizing language with current statute, is through page 46. Essentially, what happened was that there are two ways you can establish a state lottery, statutorily. One is a bare bones approach, where you go in with some general language, you give whatever entity is running the lottery a considerable amount of rules making leeway, and you go from there, giving them general guidelines. The other way is to specifically spell out the details of the operation of the lottery, of the security arrangements, of the administrative operation, and so forth. And LB 849, as originally introduced, contained the first approach. It was a bare bones approach that gave a lot of leeway to the Department