

Should it get adopted, I will come back on Select File and look at this issue just because I think the intent is very good and I endorse it. I support the first half of the amendment. I guess the second half is where I have a problem and it in no way says that we should not give preference where I think in state individuals have invested in the state where their bids are equal or superior. That's good public policy. The second half prevents that from ever happening because what you do is you keep other people from bidding.

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

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I will probably support the Lynch amendment and then the subsequent Hall to that. I think Senator Hall makes a good point with respect to the establishment of a permanent office. That might not be necessary in all cases, but I do think the first part of the amendment about giving preference to Nebraska bidders, if the offers are equal or the Nebraska offer is superior, is probably good policy. I wanted to visit a little about some of the things that Senator Schellpeper was bringing up because I think it will help the body to understand about the way a lottery works. Typically what happens, once the state decides that they are going to establish a lottery, they find that they need to make some rather major purchases of goods and services in order to run the lottery. They need to buy, for example, in LB 849 we have two different games, we'll need to buy instant win tickets, we'll need to have...probably contract with somebody to do that, to design the tickets, to have the types of games that we want to have. It's an option for the state to decide whether they actually want to contract out a majority of their services, whether they want to employ some people in house that do certain other things. There is always some mix, though. I don't know of any state that does everything 100 percent with in house employees, certainly not when it comes to an on-line computer such as you'd need to operate a lotto game. To my knowledge, I don't know if the State of Nebraska has the capability of developing an independent computer system from the ground up, but I know there are people out there that do that for a living that are typically hired by states that operate a lottery and this doesn't mean that they are hired and then cut loose. This means that they're brought in to establish a specific system working with the state. LB 849, as amended by the committee, contains a number of safeguards with respect to checking out the