

with the keno operation. We have no oversight there, but if this is a state lottery and the proceeds of that state lottery goes toward whatever project they go towards in the State of Nebraska, that is something that you and I have to take the blame and/or credit for, whichever it may be. And I guess to strike Section 22, that does not mean that the lottery proceeds would become part of the green sheet that will appear on our agendas later this week. It will not show up there. What it will do is it will simply be a cash fund, like other cash funds we have in state government, where there's certainly an oversight function by the State of Nebraska, and I know Senator Schmit is probably going some more than others, I am sure, but I am concerned that if we have no oversight over what happens there, a year or two down the road when something happens that none of us like, we are going to have a problem with that. So it would certainly be my preference that this stay, and then regardless, whatever we put in the bill that the money is to be spent on, I am not trying to get in that argument now, and if Senator Labeledz has an argument later that says the money is spent specifically on General Funds, or whatever you choose to do about that, this amendment has nothing to do with that. This just simply says it is part of the expenditures of state government and we would track that, but certainly by striking this amendment, it does not mean that the lottery proceeds would enter into our Revenue Forecasting Board. It does not mean that the lottery proceeds would be factored in when we factor our minimum cash reserve on the General Fund side. It does not in any way, shape or form confuse these lottery dollars in any General Fund sort of appropriations that we do. All it would simply say is in the Department of Revenue there would be the cash fund for the lottery proceeds that we would not necessarily have to put a cap on it at all, but it certainly would come through our process, and if there is something we certainly do not like, we still have some administrative oversight, which I think would be prudent. With that, I'd answer any questions that the body may have.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. I do have a number of speakers' lights on. I will go through that list to see if you want to speak to this amendment. Senator Nelson, did you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, would Senator Moore respond. I am reading this section. It says it shall not be included in any fiscal year biennial projected revenue.