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would allow people to vote for a lottery is that it would go for educational activities. I think it is because people recognize that our education of our children is one of the most significant foundations of our society, and that if we don't do it right, then we have all kinds of problems later. The frustrating thing for me has been that we have an awful lot of information about what we should be doing, and it is time now to start acting on that knowledge. What the bill offers in terms of the language, I would like to draw your attention, is not just dumping money into education with no definition about how that money is going to be allotted. It clearly states that it is to support the design of strategic local plans and it clearly defines that that money should then go to projects that are going to support schools in accomplishing those strategic plans that are going to be focused on the kinds of outcomes that we want for all of our children. There are a variety of areas that we know that if we had some extra money above and beyond just the basic support of education that would help us do the kind of restructuring and reorganization that would get us to that whole issue of quality education that so many people are talking about today. There are a variety of areas listed in the lottery bill, and I hope I'll have an opportunity later to talk more specifically about those, but I urge you to support this amendment. I think it is a reasonable compromise to offer, a significant portion of the money to go to education because that is what I believe many people want the lottery money to be used for, and because it is appropriate as one of our major and most significant responsibilities. And then it allows the other 50 percent to be used for the funding of other reasonable and appropriate needs, and I would urge you to support the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think I favor this bill. However, there is an aspect of it that is a little bit unclear to me, and, Senator Hall, if you would, I would appreciate a clarification for the record.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall, would you respond, please?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The point of interest to me, Senator Hall, is