

between warring factions, if you will, because I probably could not support the issue of all the money going into the Education Innovation Fund, even though I think that there are many programs out there worthy of those dollars. There are a number of other programs that have been displayed here on the floor in the way of amendments that have been offered but yet have failed. I think what we do here is we say that we recognize the importance of both areas, the area of education as one entity all unto itself, and then the other areas, as the need should arise for the dollars that will generate through a lottery, hopefully. With that, I know that there are some desires to look at placing the money, for example, in the General Fund. I just...I cannot support that. I just think that that is an aspect that we then lose sight of where the lottery dollars are spent. I think an important aspect to any lottery is being able to pinpoint and recognize where the revenue is going. Although I think we have a very fine appropriations process, when you just throw it all together, it doesn't have the same effect as specific programming that you can point out back home to individuals as to where those lottery dollars have gone. This amendment would help achieve that end. I would urge adoption of it.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have heard Senator Hall's closing on his amendment to the committee amendments. We will now vote on that amendment. All those in favor will vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Hall and Withem's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labeledz would move to amend the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. President, inasmuch as the last amendment was adopted to the committee amendments, I withdraw the amendments and reluctantly, I might add. And for the first time, I will be voting against a lottery. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is withdrawn. The next item, Mr. Clerk.