

Education Innovation Fund and the fund that was created by Senator Hall's amendment.

SENATOR MOORE: But though it goes in the fund, the way it was drafted with cash funds, we still have to give somebody the authority to expend that. So, for whatever reason, we did not...we had a problem with what the Governor chose to spend it on, would it be your intent that we would still have the ability to not give the authority to expend that fund? Are you saying we would not have the ability to do that?

SENATOR WILL: It would be my intent that we would have the ability to control the spending of that.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, that's all I need to know. Thank you very much, Senator Will.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Hartnett, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I just...Senator Hall, I think you were talking about a separate, unique person in charge of the lotteries. Is that correct? Or the state lottery? I think we already have something on the statute right now, as I read 9-102, gambling commission and so forth. We have not stricken...I think we have looked at that, you know, the General Affairs Committee, back and forth, but would that take care of your needs?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Hartnett, my concern is not with the position. I think it's appropriate that we have the position with someone with some expertise in the area. I think that's absolutely good public policy in this case. My only concern was where the, I guess, oversight, where the responsibility for, I guess, supervision should lie. Should it lie with the tax commissioner or should it lie with the Governor? It was not whether or not we should have disposition. I really firmly believe we should.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think my idea when we passed the Gaming Commission a few years ago was to be separate from the Revenue Department and then I think that's...maybe that will be the answer. Maybe we need to define what that job is and so forth. Thank you.