

finally admit that there are problems out there and we need to address those and those are not easy dollars and we're going to suffer just as much from the consequences of it. And so I guess the debate today has more or less confirmed my feelings against it, as Senator Warner said too.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will, on the Abboud amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I rise in support of the Abboud amendment. I think that it's very difficult to argue against dedicating a small portion of this money to a Gamblers Assistance Fund. But I look at it more as a...almost a symbolic statement of the potential impact of gambling in general, because if you look at the types of games that we would be sanctioning with LB 849, these are not the types of games that when you look at...when you look at statistical analysis of people who have gambling problems, these are not the types of games that cause those problems. People don't get addicted to gambling from on-line lotto or from instant win tickets. These are games that generate a level of play and a level of interest among gamblers that while it's not insignificant, it's not the level of play that...that creates habitual gambling that is a problem. The games that do that are more like along the lines of video games. That's something that people...people talk about when video games are discussed and those type of instant repetitive games are much more dangerous than are on-line lotto and a scratch off game. It's ironic that we would not support this bill because of fears about the impact of gambling on people when we, right now, allow local option keno and in those local option kenos, right now, there's a machine being used that essentially is a video lottery machine. Our local lotteries are using what amounts to a video lottery machine that has far more potential to addict an individual than anything in LB 849. So if we're talking about being worried about addictive gambling, the thing we ought to look at is the machines that are being used right now in our local...in our local option keno games because they're legal, they're operating out there. The Department of Revenue is allowing them to and those are the problems. If you want to...if you want to stop chronic gambling while retaining it as a revenue source, the best thing we could do is pass LB 849 and repeal our local keno games. That will be the way to do it. So I...I intend to support the Abboud amendment wholeheartedly because of the statement that it makes. I think that it's a mistake if you think that LB 849 is causing any greater or even as great a