

ballot, it is approved by the voters of this state. If you pass the A bill, then there is a valid appropriation, things are happening in December of '92. If you don't pass the A bill, I would argue this would happen, is that language is contingent upon the Legislature adding appropriations to it, and if you don't pass the A bill, I think we can come in in January of '93, make any final adjustments, so to speak, on the state lottery, if we are going to have one, appropriate the money at that time. We can actually appropriate it, we can actually appropriate it into the next biennium, where actually, if it is my understanding, this General Fund dollars will eventually be repaid by lottery proceeds. You can do it in the next biennium and it will all be revenue neutral for the biennium because you pay it out, and bring it back in hopefully in the same biennium. But what you could do, if you do not advance the A bill, if the voters, indeed, do advance it, we can deal with it in January of '93. So I guess the question is, I mean, if the people of the state approve a lottery in November of '92, how important is it that we start it actually in December? I guess my argument is it is not that important. I prefer to if, indeed, the people of the state vote on it, give the Legislature some time to review the situation in January of '93, and pass a bill with the emergency clause, and we can have a lottery going, up and running by February or March of '93. I guess I think we need to take some time there, and I think LB 849 by itself makes some sense to have it in statute so people understand it, but I do not think we need a valid appropriation right off the bat to get things going. I think we can wait some time. The ballot issue can, indeed, go before the voters and it can be very clear that if it does, it will cost \$2 million to implement, but it will be repaid back, and I think if you don't advance the A bill, then we have that final string, so to speak, on the whole issue. We can come back for a final review in January of '93 before we move forward with a state lottery, if, indeed, that is the voters' wishes. So with that in mind, I would urge that the body not advance this A bill. I agree that is unusual because, usually, it is my opinion that if you adopt something as a policy, you should, indeed, fund it. But I think in this particular instance, the A bill serves a wholly different purpose...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...of the final string, and the final word, so to speak, that the Legislature is going to have on this whole