

Revenue, get started, start to work, start on that preparation time on whatever it is going to take in order to begin a lottery, and let's get revenue coming in from the lottery. Let's let the people have the lottery that they voted on as quickly as possible. I would urge your support for the advancement of LB 849A.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I rise to also oppose 849 (sic). I think Senator Moore made some very good comments. I don't see why we need to have this bill until the voters approve the lottery, and we don't know that they actually will. Once again, we are getting that cart before the...or the horse before...the cart before the horse, I will get it right here yet, because it seems like we are continually doing things with this lottery, and the people haven't even approved it yet. With our tight, our real tight budget this year, and the Governor has said we are already spending too many dollars, it doesn't make sense to come in and approve an expenditure like this, and then have him veto some things that we really need. And so I think rather than put this into the budget this year. Let's wait until at least next year or the year after, wait until the voters approve a lottery, and then we can come back in and decide how we are going to spend it, what we are going to do with it and everything like that, but let's not approve it now when the voters haven't even approved it. So with that, I would oppose LB 849 (sic). Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I just would like to make a few points clearer, and then you can decide for yourselves what your policy is here at this point in time on this piece of legislation. But I do think that we have established in this body a record in the past of not passing legislation on Final Reading without the accompanying A bill. That is something that we have been told all the time and, in fact, we hold bills at the end until the A bill comes up on Final Reading with the bill. So that just is a decision that you have to make here, but I also need to let you know that it was the intent originally of the administration that we didn't even use the constitutional amendment provision. And I think that probably I should stand here and let you know that I was probably pretty instrumental in making sure that we did have the