

constitutional amendment because I felt that even though it could be...it was questionable whether we needed one, I still wanted to go along with letting the people tell us very firmly yes or no before we did anything as far as approving a state lottery. So we could have gone without the constitutional amendment. You could have this going, this bill, itself, go into the process legitimately in the eyes of a lot of people in the state without the constitutional amendment, itself. So what we decided to do then, and the administration were gracious in the fact that they backed down and they said, okay, we will go ahead and go with the constitutional amendment, but we would like to have enabling legislation to accompany it. The bill, itself, was designed because of that need for what they thought was a strong need for some more revenue in the state and, particularly, their concern was for some kinds of special educational projects. So what we did was design the bill to go along with the constitutional amendment so that it would not be delayed any further, and that is how it is designed so that if and when the people say yes, it is ready to go, the money will be there so that it could help to implement the state lottery. Now on the other hand, if, I believe that the people really...if they vote for the constitutional amendment, they are going to know that, yes, we are approving a state lottery, so I guess it doesn't make any difference to me one way or the other when we start it after that. We might as well get it started right away. On the other hand, if they say no, I don't think there is anything hurt by the fact that because the way the bill is written nothing will happen. It is not going to hurt us to have a couple of million extra dollars in the state treasury. With that, I am going to say that we should be advancing the A bill along with enabling legislation. If you are moving the enabling legislation, you should be moving the A bill to accompany it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Moore. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President. Would Senator Moore yield to a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Moore, as LB 849 is drafted, and as I