

SENATOR HALL: Yeah. And I appreciate that question. I don't think that the way even this amendment is drafted what you would see happen, Senator Warner, is a, you know, say a five, six-year balloon payment, for example, with the city paying Mr. Cherry out of the lottery proceeds. As you allude to, I'm guessing it would probably be a bonding kind of issue. What would go into consideration of that bonding in determining whether or not it made any sense was just clearly the fact that the state could repeal that local option lottery law and that the revenue could all of a sudden dry up. I think that's kind of what you're asking me, does that...does passage of this amendment in any way bind us to keep the local option lottery in place so that we can continue to pay for the Royals.

SENATOR WARNER: Right.

SENATOR HALL: I don't think so. As you stated, we have talked about that and I prefer the state be in the business of running and regulating lottery and I've got an amendment coming up a little later here that talks about the local option lottery and the state getting a piece of that action since we decided to let them do it. But, in this case, I don't think it does. I don't think it requires us to do this and, frankly, all it does is I think strengthen our ability to talk to Mr. Cherry a little bit, at least the city officials' ability to do that. Hopefully it appears that Mayor Morgan, as a local buyer, that would be the first and the best choice for this acquisition to be handled and I prefer not to see the city do it.

SENATOR WARNER: One other question. Just...would there be a problem of putting a time limit on, I don't like the word sunset, but to have some assurance of not locking in the state indefinitely because since maintenance is also there, you know you can certainly could devise a system if you wanted to in order to perpetuate debt service for quite a long period of time. You know you could improve the park, you could do the same kind of things they can do with airports by the way.

SENATOR HALL: Right. That's one of my reasons for introducing a bill to elect the airport authority in Omaha, but anyway I would have no problem with that. It is Senator Lindsay's amendment. I don't know what he would look at in terms...I did sign onto it, I don't know what the sunset would be, but I would not have it as one...