

wanting to bring this in. It's twofold. One, because I think it will generate the kind of revenue that will be helpful to the state in terms of the 50 percent that as I think somebody put it earlier, we need to get our dipper in the bucket now and, secondly, we also need to do a control and oversight because what you're going to see come in the next time when the locals craft the legislation, is you're going to see it for any place that has a licensed retail establishment. It's going to be in any bar or in any tavern throughout the state. I'd just as soon limit it up front when you put it in place, give them the authority to do it, I don't have any problem with machines, let them do it, let them do it where they are operating the regular on line regular drop ball, electronic game, control it, have the oversight, have the staff there so that there isn't any problem, limit the number of machines, limit the number of locations and then have the state take half the revenue that is generated from that by giving them this authority to operate. We have given them the authority to run the local option lotteries. We've given that up. We charge them a minimal tax for that. It probably covers the regulation oversight that we do through charitable gaming. I don't know that it does, but in any case, if we're going to go this next step, and I guarantee you we will at some point, let's do it now but let's do it on our terms and not on the terms that will be dictated to us by the locals. I would urge you to...I'm looking forward to some real healthy debate on this and I think that we ought to consider it. I urge for adoption of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment to the amendment?

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** I do, Mr. President. The first amendment I have is from Senators Will and Lindsay. (Amendment appears on page 2214 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Will.

**SENATOR WILL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This amendment is almost in the form of a technical amendment. The way that Senator Hall has drafted the amendment that we're discussing right now, he would strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and what Senator Lindsay and I are doing is amending his amendment to indicate that we would retain the Lindsay amendment that was adopted earlier as amended and the Rod Johnson amendment that we just adopted as amended. That's all this