

Division of the Department of Revenue, so I agree to the amendment. It is really nothing more than a technical amendment but I want to go on record letting Senator Smith know that I think we need to reexamine then that percentage that is allocated for enforcement because that will go up dramatically with the adoption of this amendment and the adoption of the bill, or the amendment to the bill. With that, Senator Will, I relinquish the balance of your time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY PRESIDING

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Will, three minutes.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Hall. I guess I'm coming from kind of the same place that Senator Hall is on this amendment. I understand the need to take revenue that we have going to the state for the operation of gaming and fund the Charitable Gaming Division, but if the types of machines that Senator Hall is asking us to legalize or reinforce that they are legal, however the case may be. If they would take off the way that I suspect they might, if the keno operations around the state pick up on this idea, we're going to have one heck of a charitable gaming division. This is a, as Senator Hall says, it could double in size, it could be even more than that, but I think we probably have a Charitable Gaming Division Director that is pretty pleased with this amendment if it gets adopted. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Will. Next is Senator Smith on the Smith amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: (Mike not turned on immediately.) ...speakers?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Five others.

SENATOR SMITH: I think I made my statement and I think that Senator Hall just restated what I said because, and that was one of the points I brought up. They're making this request because of the increased enforcement responsibility that will go along with it. Just to make sure that everyone in here understands, keno presently has a state tax of 2 percent which goes to...that's a state tax on keno which goes to the state. Of that 60 percent goes to the General fund, 40 percent stays in the Charitable Gaming Division for operations and for expenses of enforcement and regulation and so on. What we're saying is that even though you have to recognize it goes up to 50 percent,