

we would then go a little bit farther and clean it up and take 50 percent of all the revenue for the state because that is where the revenue ought to go so that all of the citizens who will bear the various burdens of the gambling will also benefit from the revenue. So, again, I would have to oppose Senator Smith's amendment because I think it ought to be in the General Fund. It ought to go for the cities, it ought to go for the state, and I would hope that one day we would take at least half of the whole thing because that is where it ought to be.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Will, would you like to speak on the reconsideration? Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I rise, also, in opposition to this reconsideration. I think it is a bad precedent when you are going to put this much funds into one of the different commissions. I think that the way that it is divided right now is going to give them enough funds to operate and that I think they should operate like any other commission in this state. There is going to be more funds in this commission, what they are going to get because of this amendment, than what they are ever going to need. I think they realize that and they are going to...that is why they want it. But I think the way that gambling and keno is growing in this state that it needs to come to the state, not to the Gaming Commission. So I would oppose the reconsideration. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Hall, on the reconsideration? Senator Smith, on the reconsideration?

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, first of all, I would like to thank Senator Johnson. I know he voted against this and I think...you know, I appreciate the fact that he was willing to offer me a chance for a reconsideration motion. I was under the impression without having paid the attention I should have to the fact that I needed 25 votes, and I assumed when we got the 12 votes, as I think the President up there did, that we had what we needed and I didn't even, you know, try to make the effort to get more, but I would like to say that everyone here tells me whether or not you are in support or opposition of this proposal. What I am going to do really briefly, again, for everyone's benefit here is explain my reason for offering it originally, and for your reason for