

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Just by way of a little defense of the Charitable Gaming Division, they tend to get knocked around here, and the one thing that we need to remember when we are voting on the Smith amendment is that this just puts the money in the Charitable Gaming Fund, that the fund is divided up with a certain amount going to the Gaming Division, that being the 40 percent, and the division doesn't spend a penny of that without appropriations authorization from the Legislature. They are just like any other division of any agency. It is not like they would have carte blanche to take that money and go spend it. They would simply have...that money would be there for the Legislature to look at to decide if we wanted to have them spend it. They would have to go through the appropriations process just like every other agency does, like every other divisions does. It is not like we are giving them a blank check. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Will. Does anyone else care to speak to the reconsideration motion? Senator Johnson, to close. Senator Johnson gives his time to Senator Smith to close.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Johnson. What I would just simply say in closing is that we have already discussed this issue. I am not going to spend any more time on this, but we didn't have a full vote on it, and I would like to ask the body's indulgence in allowing the reconsideration motion, so that we can have a true vote on the issue. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: You have heard the closing on the Johnson motion to reconsider the Smith amendment to the Hall amendment. All in favor vote aye, all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I prefer not to have a call of the house on this issue but unless I can get 5 more votes relatively soon, I may have to do that. Now if one more person would give me a vote, I would appreciate it a lot. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Record, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR WITHEM: Could I raise a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Withem.