

of millions of dollars in the keno operation, ladies and gentlemen, and it ought to be going into the General Fund and it ought to be...it ought to be going where the Appropriations Committee can take a look at it and reallocate it back out, based upon need. I wish I had the votes on this floor to require that instead of a city operation that it would be a county operation. We all live within the confines of a county and since we seem to be adverse to having any kind of a state lottery that will make money, at least it ought to be county operated like they have in Scottsbluff County and I think several other counties. In those cases, all residents benefit from the operation as they do...as they also probably bear the onus of the game. So I just want to say this, I don't believe, Senator Smith, your arguments are valid and I think you're going to have much more revenue there than you're going to need. And if you need it...if they need it for enforcement, then come back and go after it. Just one more point. It doesn't seem to make much sense that we appropriate money for enforcement because right now we've got the highway patrol, you've got the Liquor Commission, you've got the city police, the county sheriff, you've got all kinds of people. They don't seem to want to enforce illegal gambling. Heck no, they wink at it. A billion dollars worth of booking going on in this state a year and nobody pays any attention to it. Fifty million dollars worth of revenue lost to the state based upon the Senator Chambers proposal, nobody even bats an eye. Once or twice a year we stage a raid for public consumption, confiscate \$40,000 worth of bets and cash and act like it's a big deal; doesn't even amount to personal taxes on the equipment that they use to run the stuff.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Hall. Senator Robak, did you wish to address this?

SENATOR ROBAK: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.