

pages 2225-29 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We are on the Hall amendment. I will...so we can have discussion on the Hall amendment, the list of speakers, Senator Wesely, did you wish to discuss the Hall amendment? Senator Hall. Senator Robak. Senator Moore. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Hall amendment to this...to LB 795. This is...and I rise for the same reasons that I rose to support the earlier Hall amendment that we adopted to the bill. What this amendment would do, now that we finished discussing the division of the revenue, for those of you that don't remember, this is the amendment that would allow player access devices to be used at local keno games. This would say that the player access device has to be on a keno premises, that they have to be located or may be located no more than six locations per county. It limits the number of total player access devices in any political subdivision to one device per 1,000 inhabitants of the political subdivision. And it says that 50 percent of the revenue goes to the State of Nebraska. The reason that I oppose this, again, is not because I have any philosophical disposition against instant play devices, which essentially is what we're talking about with a player access device but because we made a decision earlier this session and continue to make that decision as we discuss the state lottery issue that we're not going to include video lotteries in a state lottery. And I think as long as we are not including video lotteries in a state lottery, we should not be allowing local subdivisions to use devices that, while they're not video lotteries, they are very similar to video lotteries and have the same characteristics of those lotteries in that a player interacts with the device alone. There's not an intermediary that is selling the player a ticket. The player plays a game every 20 seconds or so. A keno game flashes up on the screen. All the player does is sit there and play off his credits and pick a new set of numbers or go with the same set of numbers in between each game. They have the same characteristics as the video devices that we've been talking about that we earlier adopted amendments saying they aren't available. And, for that reason, I think we need to be consistent. We need to say that if they are not going to be available for use in the state lottery, then we shouldn't use similar devices in a local lottery. For that simple reason, I stand in opposition to the Hall amendment. Thank you.