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**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Wesely. Senator Smith.

**SENATOR SMITH:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Briefly, I would just rise also to oppose the Hall amendment. We've already argued the reasons why pro and con when we had the first amendment that Senator Hall offered which would prohibit the electronic game. This amendment is allowing it but it's based on population, in my understanding, in numbers of sites. But all the reasons for the concerns that you would have for the reasons that Senator Hall expressed, I guess, partially himself originally for prohibiting the electronic game still stands as far as I'm concerned. And if the small communities have the misconception that this is something that they would have out there, I think that you might, you know, you might be keeping the letters that you've been receiving and probably are misdirected to this point because I have received a few letters from some small communities saying they want to have the ability to have the electronic game. It would be cost prohibitive for a small community to have this. For one thing, there could be more than one reason, but it would be incredibly expensive, in the words of some people that have given me this information, because you need three computers to run the game and also the terminals. So, to make a game profitable, you would need a number of terminals that would be the same for people to play on, the little pads that we were talking about earlier that I was explaining to you. Can you imagine a small community being able to afford that or even to be able to lease that kind of a set up for their little towns? So those of you that are here that are receiving letters from your little communities, for one thing, this would not...Senator Hall, in my understanding, would you answer a question, please. The way the amendment is written, Senator Hall, the breakdown is that it's based on one machine per 1,000 inhabitants. Is that correct?

**SENATOR HALL:** That's correct.

**SENATOR SMITH:** And so let's say that you have...now you're talking about inhabitants of the county, aren't you?

**SENATOR HALL:** That's correct.

**SENATOR SMITH:** So you could have some...any county probably in any rural county across Nebraska except Arthur County and maybe