

a few others at this point in time, but then it would still be dependent upon the ability for the community within that...that county to...how would it be determined? Let's say, Senator Hall, that you had a population in a county of 7,000 people, you could have as high as seven machines in that county. Is that correct?

SENATOR HALL: That's correct.

SENATOR SMITH: And if you had more than seven communities and it would be probably not realistic to think that...I mean, I'm just giving you probably a far out situation here because not every community would elect to utilize the opportunity to have...

SENATOR HALL: Probably not.

SENATOR SMITH: ...one of these.

SENATOR HALL: Uh-huh.

SENATOR SMITH: But even if they did, in your estimation, do you think that the small towns in these sparsely populated counties, and many of our counties are sparsely populated, as we're finding more and more in General...I mean in Government Affairs Committee when we're looking at the redistricting issue, do you think that they could afford in a small...in a bar in a small town to be able to afford one of these?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Smith, I don't think there would be any question that they...not only would they be able to afford it, but they would be willing to do it, because what would happen is that the smaller communities would ban together. You've heard of Nebraska lottery or whatever they're calling this operation that is going...their intent is to use the Local Option Lottery Act to tie small communities together.

SENATOR SMITH: Yeah.

SENATOR HALL: Not only will they do that, they will cut their costs and I wouldn't be surprised there aren't distributors out there, manufacturers of these machines who will be more than willing to make sure the payments are at a level where the communities can afford them and I will guarantee you they will be able to afford them from the revenue that will be derived. I