

controlled, a very limited and, I guess, a very tightly operated video keno machine operation within the parameters of the Local Option Lottery Act and, secondly, for a revenue producing measure for the state. The state currently only receives 2 percent of the gross revenue in the form of a tax by allowing the limited number of machines that have to be played in a live, ongoing operation. We then, as a state, say on the revenue from those machines alone, from those devices, we will take 50 percent of the gross to be placed in the Charitable Gaming Fund or the Charitable Gaming Operation Fund, as we stated earlier, after the fund pays for the cost of the charitable gaming operations, the balance will flow back to the General Fund. So it would provide revenue, generate revenue for the state which I believe is very justified if we're going to allow for locals to basically run lotteries, abdicate our authority to do that, and also I think take into consideration the practical matter that this is the wave of the future as far as keno and lotteries are going presently. If we're going to allow it to begin and the Department of Revenue Charitable Gaming Division has done that through some pilot programs, I believe we ought to have as much control, as much oversight and as much revenue as possible flow to the state while not hampering the local operation or their ability to raise revenue. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would urge adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Speakers on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have a question or two for Senator Hall. I think maybe I went over and visited with Senator Will while you were speaking and I think I like the answer that he gave me what he thinks is here but I think we ought to maybe just establish legislative intent here. I was concerned when I first read this that there had been some amendments that had been adopted to this bill the other day on Select File, one of them dealing with the cities' powers to spend lottery money, keno money in a certain way, one dealing with purses in the...for the Thoroughbred Racing Assistance Fund. By striking the original sections of the bill and being silent on the amendments, your intent then is to leave those amendments standing whole?