

SENATOR HALL: That is correct. That's why the amendment is drafted the way it is. It doesn't say strike the original sections and all amendments thereto, it is the proper form according to bill drafters.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, very good. I...Senator, as I said, Senator Will indicated that but I thought it might have been helpful just for the record to make everybody sure that...to understand that those amendments previously adopted on Select File the other day remain part of the bill. So, thank you...

SENATOR HALL: Absolutely, that's my intent, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...for clarifying that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Hall amendment to LB...to the amendment. To bring the...to bring the body up to speed and to refresh your memories on the debate that's occurred previously on this issue, what has happened is that a keno game, some keno games around the state have begun using on an experimental basis with the approval of the Department of Revenue some machines that allow a player to interact only with the machine and not with an individual selling them a ticket or anything. What happens is, as I understand it, the player buys a magnetic card that has a certain number of credits on it. They go and insert this into a machine and this allows them to tap into an ongoing keno game. That is not the keno game that's being played necessarily in the keno parlor but, in effect, is a game that's being played electronically about every 15 or 20 seconds. So a player can...plays very rapidly and is able to punch in numbers and get a result very quickly as he plays his credits off. The Department of Revenue has approved these games even though there is a division of opinion within people that pay attention to gaming statutes as to whether they're actually legal or not. And, in effect, what we did earlier on Select File debate on this bill was adopt an amendment brought by Senator Hall also which clarifies that these machines are, in fact, illegal. And what Senator Hall is telling us is we ought to decide one way or the other and the first amendment we adopted indicated they're illegal. Now he's come back with an amendment that would make them legal and place some safeguards on them. What...the reason I would urge you to oppose this amendment is that essentially