

these machines have all the same characteristics as a video lottery, a video lottery game, and we made some policy decisions in the Legislature with respect to a statewide lottery on LB 849, which is just a few bills down the agenda, by deciding that, indeed, we were going to specifically preclude the use of video lotteries on a state game. And, as I stated in debate on that bill and on this bill, I don't have any great aversion to the use of video lotteries. I think that we're in a situation right now, however, where the well has been temporarily poisoned with respect to video lotteries. Video lottery tends to be a buzz word that gets people excited. We had an experience with a measure on the ballot that I think left a lot of people with bad tastes in their mouths and I think that what we're doing here, if we're saying on the one hand we don't want to use a video lottery at the state level but on the other hand we want to allow locals to use it, and I should clarify that, this is not actually a video lottery but it has the essential characteristics of a video lottery in that the games are played very rapidly and the player does not have to interact with another individual in order to play the game. If we're letting that type of game occur at the local level, in my opinion, we're giving away that gaming base. That's a base that if we want to tap it at some future date, I think it should be reserved for the state to tap. I don't see any logic in allowing local communities to use a video type game in their keno games while we're in the process of establishing a state lottery that specifically excludes a video lottery. So, with that, I would urge your opposition to the Hall amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Will. The next speaker is Senator Smith.

**SENATOR SMITH:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I also rise to oppose the amendment to the amendment and the Hall amendment. And I might as well start off by saying although the amendment does clarify one of the concerns I had, Senator Hall, which I was going to bring up because I felt that what you were doing here by not defining what a player-accessed device was, what it could be if it was not linked to a central computer, basically what you were was just, right, a step away from a video lottery and maybe even had a video lottery and so you're taking care of that issue. So I have to give you credit for that. The only thing, Senator Hall, I want to remind you that...and I know all is fair in here but when the committee...I recall that when this bill was in committee there was...I guess