

the last time. We didn't, as a state, say we're going to take responsibility for gambling in this area, we're going to control it, we're going to raise the revenue. And if we want to share it with the locals, that's fine, let's send it back to them on a per capita basis when it's raised in that locale. That makes a lot of sense. But you keep all your gambling in one area, you keep all your regulation and oversight and you make some money for the state and you send some to the local municipalities as well. You share the wealth. No problem. But if you don't adopt this amendment now, you don't begin the process of regulating machines. You're going to see that bill come in next year. You saw the department allow a pilot program because of pressure from the local subdivisions and there was a ban on those machines. Any court case would have found those machines illegal. We did nothing with my previous amendment except for just expound on what the statutes already said. What we do here is raise revenue for the state. We need to do that. We need to let the locals continue to generate revenue in the most efficient way they can.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: This is good for the locals. It's also good for the state. It's the most controlled lottery you can play, period. It is the most...no one who has opposed this has mentioned one word in the opposite on that issue. All we've talked about is whether it's 22 or 20 numbers, what kind of machine are we talking about? Is it a toaster? Is it a microwave? Everybody knows what it is. It's defined and it's using terms that the Department of Revenue generated themselves, player-accessed, tied into a computer. The state gets 50 percent of the revenue. We limit the locations. We limit the number of machines. We control it from the beginning instead of coming in from 10 years later saying, well, we probably should clean this up. Remember what we did on pickles a few years back. You're going to see yourself in the same position if you don't adopt this amendment. I would urge its adoption. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. We will now vote on the Hall amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR HALL: I would like to ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote.