

for themselves, but I think this is an amendment that would set a tax rate, accelerate a little bit, bring additional money into the state coffers and I guess, Senator Hall, it's my attempt at helping the Revenue Committee out doing their job and so with that I'd ask for the adoption of the amendment.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Moore. The speaking order now is Senator Hall, Smith, Will and Wesely. Senator Hall.

**SENATOR HALL:** Thank you, Madam President, I rise in opposition of Senator Moore's amendment. The way to raise the money was the amendment that I had earlier that would have allowed a controlled video lottery proposal for the locals and we would have continued a 2 percent tax and then just shared in the profits because, frankly, even at 4 percent the tax is not where the money is at. The money is at the other end in terms of the profits and you can talk about the Omaha-Douglas County proposal, but those aren't the people that you're going to hurt with this amendment. The people you're going to hurt are the folks in a Ralston or a LaVista, a Waterloo and a Scottsbluff, those types of areas where 2 percent of a local option lottery is a tremendous amount. You're talking about a 100 percent increase in the tax, 100 percent increase in the tax. Don't need to tell you this amendment is not something that has had a public hearing on it. I'm guessing without even knowing, well, although I'm not sure, the municipalities probably aren't out back on this one. They weren't out back on the personal property tax issue and that had a \$97 million price tag so this at an \$800,000 clearly probably won't get them away from the TV set if they have it turned on, they're not watching the Lakers' game. In any case, this is a proposal that, with all due respect, Senator Moore, I have to oppose. I think that the...we have not in this bill done anything different than what was currently in state statute as it relates to the local option lottery. We have said that we clarified the issue of the machines, we have taken 2 percent and shifted it to another form of gambling, in essence, by saying we're going to take care of the horsemen in this state which is a proposal I can accept. That's an industry that you know affects Senator Moore's district more than mine, but it is important I guess to keep them, at least to the horsemen's side of things when it relates to purses, keep them operating because of the three to \$400 million they generate, but if you're looking now, and that only applies to the locales, the lotteries where there happens to be a track, if you look at what Senator Moore would do now