

so they would be...I mean the Legislature would probably be granted more latitude in dispensing lottery money theoretically under this than they would any other funds of state government, is that correct?

SENATOR HALL: That is correct.

SENATOR WILL: And, I am sorry, I didn't hear all of your opening. Did you explain what the exact articles are that we are making an exception from?

SENATOR HALL: No.

SENATOR WILL: Can you do that?

SENATOR HALL: Sure, I'd have to look at the Constitution here for a minute. One would be the special legislation, Senator Will, Article III. The three deal with the areas of the Constitution, you know, I can give you a general overview, I'm peeling through them right now, but the three deal with the issue of what ties...what in the Constitution that has been pointed out by the courts as it relates to special legislation and the Legislature's ability or inability, if you will, to expend funds, and what I do through this amendment is say that here is a way to offer a change to the Constitution that would allow for lottery proceeds to be used for virtually any kind of expenditure, and that would include a reimbursement to depositors, for example. But it would also include anything else that the Legislature determined that they felt was appropriate. For example, Senator Wickersham's railroad, one could argue that could possibly fall within that classification called special legislation. There have been a number of things that have been raised over the last year or so that that veil has dropped on in terms of whether or not it would fall in that category. You can't do it for General Fund tax dollars. What this would say is that these three articles that have been spelled out by the courts in language that is taken from opinions that they have rendered would exempt lottery proceeds that are in this separated, segregated account from those limitations so that, in effect, there would be no limitation on what the Legislature, by vote of the majority of its members, could spend lottery proceeds on.

SENATOR WILL: So, for example, you know, we have talked about spending keno proceeds on the local level for the purchase of