

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, for the courtesy of being allowed the opportunity to ask a question.

SENATOR LANDIS: You're welcome.

SENATOR WITHEM: You have...the next amendment up contains this amendment plus your amendment. Is that correct, Senator Moore?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR WITHEM: I will withdraw this amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to amend Senator Hall's amendment. (The Moore amendment appears on page 2746 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, this amendment, I'm getting a little nervous about handwritten amendments on a constitutional amendment at seven-thirty. But, nevertheless, this would strike the words "annually"...the word "annually" in line 12, and so the Legislature may appropriate in a lottery account, like on page 2, it strikes the word "annually" there. And then on line 15 it strikes the sentence that reads, "No appropriations from the lottery account shall be made in excess of the amount of the lottery account and the Legislature may not appropriate or pledge any funds from the lottery account in any future year." The first one, Senator Withem can talk about his problem with that. I concur that you don't really need the word "annually", it really means nothing else, we'll have it out. The sentence, two parts of the sentence concern me. The first part of the sentence concerns me on the way that I'm trying to envision how the Legislature would appropriate money from the lottery account unless you actually waited a year to disburse the funds, which I don't think you want to do, how you would make an estimate as to what funds come in. And if you...this would prohibit you constitutionally from ever guessing high, so to speak, and so I don't think you want to put quite that sort of constitutional restraints on how you develop your cash fund appropriation there. The second sentence just concerns me, second part of the sentence, the Legislature may not appropriate