

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, yes, but, Senator Smith, what I was going to try to do is make if a free-standing proposition like the Commonwealth...

SENATOR SMITH: Oh, something that we also vote on separately, like Commonwealth? Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that's what I was trying to...so that it would say nothing in this Constitution shall prohibit the Legislature from enacting laws to regulate or license, whatever the language of that amendment was that I gave you. It would not be attached to anything in the green copy so that it would cause it to be voted on by one vote along with the lottery. It would be a free-standing proposition just like the Commonwealth.

SENATOR SMITH: Such as the Commonwealth proposition was.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. All right, thank you. Well, I was sitting here trying to figure out what am I going to say to him and when you commented about, to me, about when you go to the races, it made me remember when I went to the races one time in my life many years ago and I bet a couple of dollars and believe it or not I won on a long shot because it was a horse from my district and he had long legs and they said he would not win, but it rained and so he came in first. And I was standing in the line to get my money, \$150, I won, I was ecstatic. I probably was addicted at that point in time, but then they decided that there was a foul, or something when he came around the turn, so I didn't get my money. So I've never been back since then. Now, that has nothing to do with this but you made me think of that. The other thing that I can only think of to say to you is this did not have a public hearing, Ernie, so that's what we say all the time on the floor when we don't know what else to say and I would like to have you respond to that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, may I?

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, this time around the Commonwealth provision did not have a public hearing either, and it has been added.