

enabling legislation, the Governor's office very explicitly stated opposition to video being considered as a type of lottery in the enabling legislation. So I...with that on the record, I'm simply going to state that I would oppose this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise in opposition to the Warner amendment. And just to briefly recap some of the discussion we've had on this bill, I opposed putting a prohibition on video lotteries in the Constitution, because I wanted to keep that as an option down the line. I also oppose this amendment, which would strike the language in the bill that prohibits video lotteries, because it's not my intent, and I don't think it's the intent of the Governor, whose bill this was initially, this is now, to implement a video lottery right now. It's simply something that I would like to keep open as an option for the state, down the line. My intent right now is to implement a piece of legislation which, with voter approval of the constitutional amendment, would establish a ticket lottery and an instant win lottery in the State of Nebraska, that's it. I don't, in any way, shape, or form, want to see a video lottery implemented with the passage of this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Hall, followed by Senators Ashford, Schmit, and Warner.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of Senator Warner's amendment. That may very well be the death now of it. But it clearly is a very honest approach to the issue of whether or not we're going to do a lottery. What we do is we currently have a video lottery proposal that's in committee, three votes to advance it, three votes not to advance it, two votes that weren't present. And there's an amendment on here, following this, to put video lottery in as a part of this proposal. We have gambling in order to raise revenue, period. That's the only reason you have gambling, you don't do it for entertainment, you don't do it for economic development, you do it to raise tax dollars and to keep tax dollars from flowing out of the state that currently are going elsewhere, at present. This amendment just says that we're not going to limit our options from the point in time that we institute this type of legislation, in other words the implementing language,