

implementing legislation for a constitutional amendment doesn't tie the Legislature's hands, that's still to be determined. And that's the way it ought to be. All Senator Warner's amendment does is strip any prohibition out of the bill, it doesn't make it a specific entity or specific game that will be determined within the lottery prospects out there after the people vote on it, but it doesn't bar it either. And that's the way it ought to be, that's a very honest approach to deal with this. It's the way you raise revenue, frankly. If you're going to raise money, you're going to all be very disappointed when the results come in and all you're dealing with is a ticket lottery that, frankly, will be next to nothing, because they will be competing against the local option lottery. And then your money will come in on the Lotto America proposal, and it will be less than you anticipated, and less than the numbers that the administration is throwing around. The only way that you're going to raise revenue, in this state, through a statewide lottery, is to tie a Lotto America, multistate proposal in with a video proposal. And then you're talking 60 to 80 million dollars that would be generated, plain and simple. That's the way to raise money and take a look at it down the road. You don't have to implement that day one, but don't prohibit it on day one, before you even have a vote of the people don't prohibit it. And all Senator Warner's amendment does is just that, it strips the prohibition out of the bill and leaves the door open to address it at some point. It is, I guess, some folks' way of taking the distaste of voting for a lottery proposal out of their mouth by banning videos. In other words, if that's in there, then I guess it's not so bad. Gambling on paper, gambling on the horses, gambling on bingo, pickles, whatever, that's all okay, but because all of a sudden you plug something in, it makes it evil, and it...you know, we're all going to go straight to hell in a handbag. With that, I would urge you to support Senator Warner's amendment. It will not have any of you go to hell.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Warner, I understand you wish to withdraw your amendment. Is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, I understood there was another...if I misunderstood, I understood there was another amendment it authorized. So I'll just withdraw this one, that would be the more appropriate way to address it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: If there are no objections, it's so ordered.