

more than adequately. We've continued to affirm a decision that, for the time being at least, we are not going to engage in a video lottery, that the question we'll put in front of the people will be that of a ticket lottery and an instant win game. We have, through leaving our constitutional amendment general, left open the doors to video lotteries somewhere down the line. I think as recently as the exchange that Senator Warner and I had on his amendment indicated that at least my intent is not to get the state in the video business right off the bat, but perhaps to get into that later on. I would urge your opposition to the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be very brief. I absolutely oppose the Hall amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Hall, would you like to close?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, I would, Mr. Speaker. I think the discussion, although brief, has been very, I think, representative of a couple of the members, literally just a couple of the members. And Senator Will, like a pussy willow in the fall, is swaying back and forth in the breeze on the issue, signs the bill and supports it, but then knows full well that that would not bode well for LB 849 as the principal introducer of that, so backs quickly away from that. The proposal, it's not going to go away. I mean you ought to vote for it, it makes good sense, and that's probably why we won't vote for it. And we, again, have some kind of barrier against electronic devices. Maybe it has to do with our age. You know, they say that the older we get the more afraid we get of electronic devices, that...Senator Labeledz, don't look at me that way. (Laugh.) The older we get the more afraid we get of, you know, even push button phones, microwave ovens. You ever gone into an older person's home and seen a microwave oven that's never been used? I mean, literally, the kids bought it for them as a present, and they've never used the darn thing because they don't know how to work it and they're afraid to. They just said, nah, we can't deal with that, that's not how we've always done it, I've always cooked this turkey for 19 hours in the oven this way. Well, that's what you're talking about in gambling as it relates to video lottery machines, they're the microwave ovens of lottery, and you refuse to accept them. You always say that, you know,