

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 2790-91 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 12 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Hall amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend with AM2224.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. AM2224 does this, it wipes out the ability for local subdivisions...

SPEAKER BAACK: The call is raised.

SENATOR HALL: ...local subdivisions of government to run a lottery. Wipes out the Local Municipal Lottery Act. In other words, if the state is going to get into this business, we need to be the only entity in this business. We don't need competition from local subdivisions of government. We're the only state in the nation that allows for a local option lottery. All we do is wipe out that provision in the statutes. Now I'm not going to run the amendment, because I could just hear the lights go on. I didn't have to look, I could just hear them all click. And...but I'm telling you, you're going to see that you will, in essence, be running a state ticket lottery that will amount to nothing, it will amount to virtually nothing, because you have given away the state's portion of a lottery to the local municipalities. You've given that away. And the only thing that we're going to raise is whatever we raise off of the multistate, or the Lotto America type of proposal; that's why the video lottery makes sense, because you've given away your state lottery, you've joined a multistate provision, if the people vote for it and LB 849 passes. But that's the only revenue you're going to generate. You need to think about this in the interim as more and more local subdivisions come on line, more and more of them get addicted to this proposal. We're worried about individuals becoming addicted to machines, we don't seem to worry at all about local subdivisions becoming addicted to lotteries. We ought to limit those who we, I guess, allow to become addicted. We should pull the needle away from the local subdivisions. That's what this amendment would do. It makes good sense from a standpoint, as I remember, about two hours ago when we advanced a bill over back to Final that