

read all that information, ladies and gentlemen, that you try to understand where it's coming from,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...who's promoting it, and what the goals are, and who the benefactors are. Senator Chambers has discussed several times on this floor the evils of gambling. He's right, be the first to admit it. If you really want to lose money, though, you go down here to the exchange and you get in on the stock market, or the board of trade, or the commodities, you'll find really serious kind of gambling with no restraints and no restrictions, and the license to steal being virtually unimpeded. The kind of gambling we're talking about here is penny ante, but we at least ought to try to make some degree of semblance, some semblance of sophistication, regulation, control, and licensure to make it work. If you require the payment of sales tax on the lottery tickets, to a certain extent at least you derive some kind of benefit in that respect. I would support the amendment.

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

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to ask a question of Senator Hall, if I might.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Hall, I just wanted to make sure, for the sake of clarification and for the record, the intent here. And I just was talking with my counsel, but some other people have been asking me. Would you please state for the record where this tax goes. Is it a local tax or a state tax?

SENATOR HALL: It would be a state tax.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, that's what we thought, but we wanted to make sure that that was in the record. And, guess what, Senator Hall, you and I are on the same side. I believe I'm going to support you on this amendment. So, with that, I'm just saying I'm going to support the Hall amendment. Thank you.

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