

Solid Waste Management Act, it clearly is germane to the bill. It deals with the revenue aspect of helping local landfills close, and being able to pay for those by using 25 percent of the lottery proceeds in an earmarked fund. The other 25 percent would go into the Environmental Trust Fund, as was a part of the cigarette tax bill. There is no portion of the cigarette tax increase, nor any funding for the programming that was included in the cigarette tax bill. The only thing in this amendment is the earmarked portion. As you remember, last year this body earmarked the lottery funds, 50 percent for education, 50 percent into the Legislative Lottery Fund, as we called it. That was an amendment that I offered and Senator Withem and others supported, when we were having trouble deciding how to disperse that money. What the intent of the...with the legislation as it was before us in the cigarette tax bill, and as it came out of committee, the Revenue Committee, was to earmark 25 percent for environmental trust, 25 percent toward the landfill closing, solid waste issue. I would move for adoption of this amendment to LB 1257. It's no secret I want to have the lottery proceeds, should the lottery pass on the ballot in November, off the table prior to January. I do not want to see a feeding frenzie in here, come January, for those dollars. I think there is a tremendous argument, whether you support or oppose a lottery, that those dollars received from that go to two sources, those being human resources in the area of education, and natural resources in the area of environmental trust and solid waste management, and helping those local landfills close and providing some of the funds for that. With that, I believe it's a very noncontroversial amendment and would urge adoption of the amendment to LB 1257.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Hall. Discussion of the Hall amendment. Senator Schmit.

**SENATOR SCHMIT:** Mr. President, members, I support the amendment by Senator Hall. My concerns are the same as those that he has expressed and which have been expressed many times. Afraid there will be far too many demands on far too small a resource. I do not anticipate very much money coming in from the state lottery, should one be approved by the voters and should it be established, because we have put together a lottery which is not designed to be successful. Therefore I doubt that it will be enough money to take care of even the suggestions which are outlined by Senator Hall. But in the event that it is successful, I would support the utilization in this manner.