

question and I would like to hear more about it. But I also want to be sure I understand how the bill operates and for that purpose, Senator Hall, I would like to ask you a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Without getting into the breakdown of where the funds would go, but starting at the beginning of the bill, for purposes of describing how communities, how the bill is structured and how communities set up and decide whether or not to allow gambling in their areas, first of all as I understand it, there are really two components, one component having two subparts. First of all, you have the racetracks and they are treated somewhat differently from let's call the second part the bars, bars in main locations you call them, but the second category is really bars. And as I understand it, the way those two things are authorized to act is different to begin with. And am I correct in saying that with respect to racetracks, all racetracks that currently exist or have been existing for some period of time would, if the bill were passed, be allowed to have these expanded gambling operations, even beyond ticket games, without any kind of vote of the people? Is that correct?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler, the way the bill is currently drafted, the way it is before us, that is accurate. The proposal that I have been working on the past weekend would not allow for that. It would have everyone...there would not be any expansion without first a local vote.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, that was my first question and that's very important to me because being in the Lincoln community it does us little good to have a local vote if our people are otherwise exposed to it through the racetrack operation anyway.

SENATOR HALL: And I have come to accept that and have agreed to that and would not support a measure that did not first have a local vote as well.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And then with respect to all other communities in the state, is it the current intention that it would require a countywide vote, it would be done by county and it would require a countywide vote or a citywide vote in the