

February 13, 1986 LB 144

Miscellaneous Subjects Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. The bill was considered by the Legislature on May 15 of last year, at that time the committee amendments were adopted. There was an amendment to the bill by Senator Pappas that was adopted. It then failed to advance, Madam President.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Pappas, would you explain the bill and then we will go through the motions.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Madam Speaker, colleagues, LB 144, to refresh a lot of people's minds from last year, was a long sought, worked on piece of legislation that clarified, put stronger enforcements, limited the number of video lottery machines that could be in any one establishment, increased penalties, fees, fines, et cetera, and is probably one of the better pieces of legislation that this body has ever had come in front of them for the amount of time and work and error-free drafting that you can ever see. I'm assuming we have some amendments pending?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the first item I have is a motion by Senator Hoagland and a number of the members to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: We will take it up now, Madam President, if we can and if that is all right with the sponsors, and I'm sure it is. Ladies and gentlemen, those of us who are co-sponsoring this kill motion think that it is appropriate to address this motion to kill LB 144 at the outset because if there are enough votes to indefinitely postpone the lottery concept, the slot machine lottery concept, and both proposals were being presented would allow slot machines, I think we can save a great deal of time by getting that decision behind us and moving on to other matters. Now let me, if I can, and I think I've got 10 minutes don't I, Madam President, to argue...to introduce a motion to kill? Let me...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Point of order.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Higgins.