

to the older language is perfectly fine. I see no difficulty with it. It does not open any new doors so I can allay all suspicions of that. It simply allows, it simply contains the same definition of the local lottery as currently exists. So I would support his amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Hoagland on the Senator Hartnett amendment, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I wonder, with respect to the Hartnett amendment, I wonder if I might address some questions to Senator Johnson.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Johnson, will you respond, please?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now, Senator Johnson, as I understand it, there is an ongoing lotto operation in Bellevue right now being conducted by the city for nonprofit purposes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: They call it keno, but, yes. it is.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you, keno, I was incorrect. And keno is a form of casino gambling, isn't it, as defined by the Attorney General's opinion on the subject?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, I think so. I suppose keno is, I mean, as defined by the Attorney General. It is probably casino type gambling, yes, because it is the kind of gambling that is done in casinos in Las Vegas, I guess, yes.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: And what this amendment would have the effect of doing is to preserve the ability of that keno operation to continue with no restrictions, without the restrictions that this bill would impose on lotteries, or raffles, or other kinds of games, is that right?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes. Yes, the current law allows that kind of city operated gambling. The current law does. This bill would have altered that a bit and would have, in effect, put Bellevue out of the keno business, and I don't think that the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee intended to put Bellevue out of the keno business. Now casino gambling that we have talked about, you and I privately, we have always talked about in terms of some of these big, big operations that are not cities doing