

talk about the game, and another amendment comes along and we talk about what we are going to spend the money on. And I think that Senator Schellpeper made the exact, made the point of the day when he said what we need to do is we need to, if we are going to run a lottery, we need to get it implemented and we need to start money coming in, and I think what the Hall amendment does is it strikes a balance between those people who have advocating spending lottery proceeds on nothing but education, and those who want some money for something else. What it says is, okay, we are going to take half of the money and use it for education, and then we are going to establish a separate fund and put the rest of the money in that, and we are going to then delay the decision on how we are going to spend that money until another day, and I think that is entirely appropriate. At this point, you have gotten some flavor of the many different things that people can come up with that they want to spend the money on, and I think probably the best road that we could take at this point is to decide that we are going to adopt the Hall amendment, forego decisions on how we are going to spend the money outside of that amendment, and go on about the business of talking about whether we ought to have a lottery or not, and, hopefully, ultimately advancing this proposal along with the constitutional amendment that we advanced earlier. I would urge your support for the Hall amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Labeledz.

**SENATOR LABEDZ:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Reluctantly, I rise to oppose the Hall amendment to LB 849. The very next amendment is my amendment to LB 849, which says that all proceeds from the lottery would go to the General Fund. I think it is very important that we realize that when the last time the lottery was on the ballot, when we start earmarking all...well, didn't earmark, it was stated that the money was more or less going to the veterans organizations, the lottery lost on the ballot. If we want the lottery to lose again, just start earmarking funds, although I was very strong in favor of Senator Smith's amendment to designate 10 percent to the Commission on Aging. I thought it was a good idea. But to say 50 percent goes to education innovation, I want you to recall some of the debate we had on LB 1059. I thought that the money from 1059 was going to be sufficient for the next few years and the people voted that in to keep it, when it was on the ballot to repeal it, but I assure you in talking to a lot of constituents or people, not only my