

SPEAKER BAACK: You have about three minutes left.

SENATOR FIRSCH: Okay, Senator Smith, would you like my three minutes?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Pirsch. And I would like to apologize to you, Senator Hall. I was discussing redistricting when this all came up and so I must have missed what you were talking about here. And I forgot that we were still dealing with the other amendment originally the other day. I would just...would just though say that everything I said still stands for what you're trying to use as a replacement here and I don't change any of my arguments on that. And, Senator Pirsch, basically what you have here, when you have instant keno play you have, as I said, the next thing to video gambling. The only difference, basically, is that what you're doing, one of them is player-activated and the other is not. The instant keno has a computer which generates the game and you just tap into the game. You don't have any control over whatever...what game comes out of that computer, where when you do the video, you activate it your own self and make the choices. So that's the difference in the two and we aren't very far from video when we're talking about keno, instant keno. Thanks for your time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Hall, did you wish to...?

SENATOR HALL: Oh, absolutely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, again I rise in support of the amendment. It puts into place a technology that will be adopted at some point in time in the Legislature and should be adopted now. We are bringing local option lotteries on the line quicker and quicker throughout the state. Many communities do not have the ability to run drop-ball games in a number of locations. You are going to see them combine their operations and they're going to want to use the technology that's available in terms of the machines, the video lottery machine that's player-accessed and tied into a central computer. Go out back and ask folks within the Department of Revenue about the control that's involved here. The reason they were allowing these types of machines to exist was that the control was there. It probably is better controlled than the drop-ball game that currently we allow under