

local lotteries. And, as Senator Smith pointed out, it doesn't...it doesn't require us to approve local lotteries but if we do, we have to have a game that is used solely by them. And I oppose this much for the same reason that I spoke against allowing local lotteries to use video keno machines last night when the state doesn't have access to them. We're the only state in the union that has local option lotteries. We're kind of engaging in an experiment that, for some reason, has gained somewhat a general acceptance in the Legislature, enough so that we have not made any serious moves to repeal local option lotteries. But I would resist putting in our Constitution a guarantee that we set aside a specific game for them. Again, my argument would be that when we're talking about using gaming as a revenue source the emphasis should be on the state level, that if we have a state lottery, I think we ought to have all the latitude that we want as far as adopting a particular type of game and we shouldn't hamstring ourselves by setting aside a specific game constitutionally, at least, for local lotteries. I would certainly take a look at legislation that would protect local lotteries base in the event that we enact a state lottery, as I hope we do. But I think that putting a prohibition in the Constitution or a guarantee, that is, in the Constitution that a specific game is set aside for local use is not wise. I would oppose the Smith amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't wish to speak on this amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wesely, do you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Madam President, members, in absentia of Senator Hartnett, I oppose this amendment. Senator Smith, I understand what you're doing and I appreciate your attempt to assist Senator Hartnett but this would be a mistake constitutionally to provide for this and I truly hope that you will oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in opposition to the proposal. We would lock in place a game for the local option lottery and I, frankly, don't think there