

doesn't even make sense. I think the Chair ruled right and that's the only way that we can go. If we need funds, let's find some funds but let's not take it out of these here keno funds that our cities want. I wouldn't mind putting some funds into the campaign finance bill, but it just can't come out of these here keno funds. If you really want to hear from your cities across this state that have keno, just try to do something like we're attempting to do with this amendment and you'll hear about them. I'll guarantee it, tomorrow you'll hear from them and probably tonight already too. But this is a plan that I think needed to have somebody talk to them and realize some of the damage that you would be doing to our cities. I'm not saying that the gambling dollar is the only dollar that they have, but they're all earmarked. These funds that they're using from these keno dollars are earmarked that they are for certain things in every city and I'll guarantee you that our image wasn't one of them. So we need to take a look at what we're really doing here with this amendment and I think vote to support the Chair. I don't want to say that I support Senator Hall all the time but I certainly support him here. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper, for that vote of confidence. Senator Will, you're next in the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Hall, members of the body, I, too, rise in support of the Chair's ruling and I hope that you vote no on the motion to overrule the Chair. I think there are a number of substantive reasons to oppose this particular funding source and that is all that I'm addressing in my talk here, but I want to stick to the germaneness issue. I think that certainly when you're talking about any specific bill, a degree of latitude ought to be allowed for a funding source that is identified at any given time. However, I think in the area of gaming taxes we are dealing with a unique animal in that historically what we have done with gaming taxes is use them first and foremost to earmark for regulation of gaming activities by the Department of Revenue. As you can see by the sheet that Senator Beutler passed out entitled "Comparison of Taxes Paid to the State" under all three categories pickles, keno and bingo, the bottom reference indicates that of the amount generated 40 percent went to pay state expenses of regulating. Typically that is what we have done. We said any state tax that we're going to levy on a gaming activity first and foremost, the priority in allocating that tax ought to be