

DELEGATE DUKES: Mr. Chairman, I yield two minutes to Delegate Vecera.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Vecera.

DELEGATE VECERA: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, a few brief points here in support of leaving out of the constitution reference to the lottery.

First, I do not think we are down here to protect the General Assembly from the lobbyist pressures that are placed on it as the majority would have us believe. Second, I am simply confused over construction of the word lottery. It might imply that bingo is to be banned or other private gambling situations such as various charities formed. I would on the question of confusion alone vote against it, Delegate Sherbow.

Third, some mention was made here of a point that the lottery in the states of New York and Rhode Island were not successful. I think these states have not had an opportunity as yet to develop fully the lottery system. As in every new situation, I think this takes a specific amount of time in order to iron out the wrinkles. I think this is exactly what happened in New York. The reason why I am saying this is I spent some time in New York this summer, practically all summer except for one day down here in Maryland, at the time they were in the process of selling tickets. They seemed to have some difficulty in being able to advertise it and they also had difficulty in obtaining places in which to sell the tickets.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have a little less than a half minute, Delegate Vecera.

DELEGATE VECERA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also Delegate Gleason stated in two years the legislature would, as a matter of fact, pass laws relating to lottery. I say this means the people, as a matter of fact, want a lottery. I think I remember somewhere in school I was taught that this, Delegate Gleason, is called democracy.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Will you tell me, Mr. Chairman, how much controlled time is left?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think eight minutes.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: I yield three minutes to Delegate Darby.

DELEGATE DARBY: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, we have had quite a few humorous moments here. I think that if we leave this prohibition out of the con-

stitution, this State itself will be a joke in a few years. We have heard Judge Sherbow say that possibly or probably within ten years we would have a lottery in this State. Delegate James has talked about the fact that the legislature would undoubtedly allow a lottery. I think the majority of the minority, all of whom have spoken except possibly Delegate Koger, has agreed that the lottery is not a proper source of revenue. I think that we can all agree to that. I do not think we should have a lottery. I think to make certain of this, we should vote for this prohibition and keep it in the constitution.

The fact is that in New York the lottery has not lived up to expectation. The Congress itself after March 31, as Judge Sherbow told us, will not allow federally insured banks to sell lottery tickets. This was discussed in an editorial on November 16 in the *Baltimore Sun*. Also on November 16 there was one of these small articles that Delegate Armor gave to Delegate Dukes to read. The article stated, in referring to the New Hampshire lottery, that the state-operated New Hampshire lottery, a poor idea to begin with, is proving even worse in practice. Expenses are gobbling 52 per cent of gross revenue prompting some observers to note that an experienced racketeer could handle the lottery for half that including police payoffs. The moral though does not mean the job should be turned over to private industry. It should certainly and simply be abandoned.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have one half minute —

DELEGATE DARBY: There is no question that as Judge Sherbow also stated, a state lottery cannot decrease illegal gambling so it is not a question of taking some of this illegal money and using it as a good source of revenue in this case. I think, therefore, that there is no other choice we have except to keep this prohibition in the constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: I yield four minutes to Delegate Scanlan.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Mr. Chairman, and fellow delegates, in several of my previous remarks to this Convention, it has been my dubious pleasure to have appeared to have opposed conservation, consumer protection, and been in favor of unethical legislators. Now, I guess my remarks will be misconstrued as a statement in support