

the state shall operate or authorize a lottery for any purpose."

That is straight-forward. It means there could be no question about its meaning. There is, as my good friend Delegate —

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a second, please. Do you accept the amendment, Delegate Scanlan?

DELEGATE SCANLAN: No, for the reason that the language —

THE CHAIRMAN: Not necessary to state the reason. Is there a second of the proposed amendment?

*(The amendment was seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: Proposed Amendment is seconded.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Bennett. This will be Amendment 1-A.

DELEGATE BENNETT: I ask the indulgence of the Committee for only a very few minutes. We debated it at length. Let us stand up and be counted for this.

Are you for lottery or are you against? Do you want to put in some weasel-words in this argument or do you want to stand up and say where you stand with regard to the lotteries?

Are they a menace to the good name, as Senator James said, of the State of Maryland? Are they something that robs our State of the kind of image it would like to give the rest of the country? Let's say what we mean and have done with it, and not leave it to some court.

This amendment as now proposed is a shell game. When I was a youngster I used to go around to the state fairs and see the fellow manipulate the shells and he had great skill in getting the pea between his fingers. I say with all due deference to my friend Al Scanlan, he has got the pea between his fingers. He is trying to kill this amendment.

I think we should stand up and be counted and vote straight-forward, so I urge this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The question now arises on the amendment to the amendment. Does Delegate Macdonald desire to be heard on the amendment?

For what purpose does Delegate Clarke rise?

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: For a point of parliamentary inquiry.

Is not the amendment to the amendment out of order since in substance it is something that the majority report dealt with?

THE CHAIRMAN: I am not sure. It depends on how one interprets the word "authorized." This is a question I was waiting for someone to raise.

Delegate Bennett, what do you intend by the use of the word "authorize" in line six?

DELEGATE BENNETT: My intention is clear. Namely, that it states the General Assembly does not permit, authorize, sanction, what have you, a lottery for any purpose.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. The amendment to the amendment is out of order. The question arises on the original amendment, Amendment No. 1.

Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Would you please inform me why the amendment is out of order?

THE CHAIRMAN: Because on the basis of your explanation, it is equivalent to the recommendation.

DELEGATE BENNETT: Equivalent to the —

THE CHAIRMAN: To the Committee Recommendation. So you would be taking it right back to the Committee Recommendation. You accomplish the same purpose by voting against the amendment.

DELEGATE BENNETT: I urge people to vote against the amendment, then.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Delegate Macdonald.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Mr. Chairman, I was going to make the very same amendment which Delegate Bennett has already made but I would not put the same interpretation on it.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: I think the words are suspect now. You better use different words, then.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Mr. Chairman, I do think that this contains a negative predicate, namely that the state or a local governing body could authorize a lottery for a private purpose.

THE CHAIRMAN: Could you accomplish the purpose that you seek by amending in the manner suggested by Delegate