

1 DELEGATE JAMES: Mr. Chairman and fellow dele-
2 gates, I would like to direct my remarks to the general
3 proposition that a prohibition against the lottery should
4 be in the Constitution and to initiate these remarks I
5 would like to read a statement I filed with the Committee,
6 a memorandum to the State Finance Committee on Financing
7 Government by Lottery.

8 I advocate inclusion in the Constitution of a
9 prohibition against financing governmental expenditures
10 by lottery. As a course of conduct, gambling, however
11 fascinating, has two basic flaws: (1) Its attraction is
12 the concept of something for nothing. (2) It takes from
13 the many and gives to the few. The State should not play
14 upon human weakness to finance its expenditures. Nor
15 should it promote a false economics in the name of taxa-
16 tion.

17 Entirely aside from the basic impropriety of
18 state financing by games of chance, experience shows that
19 gambling is an unreliable source of revenue. New Hampshire
20 and New York are now face to face with this hard fact.
21 The fiasco of reliance upon lottery revenues by state