

1 it. Our legislature hopefully would never adopt it. But
2 to put it in the Constitution as thou shalt not, seems
3 to me completely unnecessary.

4 However, the issue that disturbs me is the one
5 that really evolved on the floor today in the question
6 period. As I understand the explanation of the new
7 language, suggested by the Committee on Finance, it would
8 not only bar the legislature and the political subdivisions
9 from conducting a lottery, but would also bar any private
10 group from conducting whatever is classified as a lottery.
11 And there is no question in my mind that bingo is a lottery.
12 A very strong argument to that effect was made by my good
13 friend Rufus King in Bender versus Anne Arundel County
14 recently in the Court of Appeals, ¹⁸great majority of the
15 state holds bingo is a lottery. I suggest any dog racing,
16 bookmaking, off-track betting, raffles, prize grab
17 machines, card games with betting, spinning wheel, pinball
18 machines, and so forth, are lotteries.

19 Certainly in any intelligent definition of
20 lottery all these categories of gambling activity would be
21 prohibited in the Constitution. I am not debating the