

1 from the take on pari-mutuel betting, the public can
2 benefit on the basis of receiving part of the funds
3 from a properly operated lottery. It has been stated
4 by people in authority, people who are knowledgeable,
5 that this would hurt organized crime.

6 A man named Edwin Silberling, chief racket
7 buster for Robert Kennedy when he was Attorney General,
8 he has been quoted in the Congressional Record as saying
9 he is for a lottery because he is against organized
10 crime. He feels that if we legalize the lottery, we
11 will take away the main source of revenue from
12 gangsters and will do as much harm to the gangsters as
13 we did when we repealed prohibition. He said "You can't
14 keep people from gambling" -- I think everybody recognizes
15 this, I think everybody knows how much gambling is going
16 on right under our very noses locally -- "but who is
17 getting the benefit? Some big numbers backers are
18 being made extremely wealthy by this operation which
19 doesn't do the public any good. If we would have a
20 cleanly-operated, state-operated lottery, the taxpayers
21 would get much needed relief. We all know how much they