

1 I might also call to your attention, you are probably
2 familiar, however, with the fact, that in the last
3 Legislature for the first time there was a provision
4 for having the Constitutional amendment to take this
5 provision, to permit a state-operated lottery to be
6 enacted by the Legislature. It passed the House for
7 the first time. Over a period of years it kept getting
8 more and more popular until it finally passed the House,
9 but this was just a day before it adjourned and did not
10 get to any action before the Senate. But it shows
11 that the legislative support has grown by leaps and
12 bounds. It wasn't too long ago where a vote against the
13 lottery was overwhelming. Then the year before last it
14 lost by 20 votes. Then during this year it actually
15 passed. The Senate did not act on it.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: One final question. Assuming
17 that the Committee thought it desirable to have the
18 Constitution say something about a lottery but would
19 in effect say that a lottery could be -- I am not prejudg-
20 ing this in any way parenthetically -- but that a lottery
21 could be permitted if the General Assembly went along