

1 briefly, the background on lotteries is simply this:  
2 Lotteries are as ancient as most anything you can really  
3 think about that have been brought forward into modern  
4 day living. Historians say the lottery was first begun  
5 in Italy and a great many of the public buildings at  
6 that time, the canals, and so on, were financed in that  
7 country by the lottery. In England in the early 17th  
8 Century, lotteries became very fashionable with the people  
9 who particularly, the merchants who sold their goods  
10 through lotteries, and the East India Company was well  
11 recognized in this area until the Crown decided that  
12 one of the things that could perhaps finance the improve-  
13 ment of the various harbors there was to get a cut out  
14 of these lotteries. So they did exactly that. In this  
15 country, the concept of the lottery has been thought to  
16 have been an antecedent of the ones I have just mentioned,  
17 and it is very interesting to note the great amount of  
18 public finance that was done in the early period of time  
19 in our country through the lottery.

20 Now, our Committee held a hearing with respect  
21 to whether or not this provision should be retained, and