



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LR 11CA**

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**Hearing Date:** February 26, 2007  
**Committee On:** General Affairs

**Introducer(s):** (Flood)

**Title:** Constitutional amendment to change the distribution of lottery proceeds

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

8	Yes	McDonald, Karpisek, Dierks, Dubas, Erdman, Friend, Janssen, Preister
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Mike Flood  
Gary Lacey  
Rick Boucher  
Larry G. Thoren  
Stephen Tellatin  
Steve Hecker  
Lynn Rex

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska County Attorney’s Association  
Nebraska Sheriff’s Association  
Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska  
Fremont Police/local drug task forces  
Norfolk Police Division  
League of Nebraska Municipalities

**Opponents:**

Mark Brohman  
Steve Donovan

**Representing:**

Nebraska Environmental Trust  
Ducks Unlimited

**Neutral:**

Rob Schupback

**Representing:**

Cornhusker Fly Fishers

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LR 11CA would allocate 3% of lottery proceeds, after payouts and other transfers, to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

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## **Details**

*Section 1* proposes an amendment to the Nebraska Constitution to be submitted to the state at the November, 2008, general election.

The proposal would amend Article III, section 24, which defines the allowable parameters of gambling in the state, by reducing the percentage amount that the Nebraska Environmental Trust receives from the State Lottery. The trust currently receives 44 ½ % of net lottery proceeds after transfers. This resolution would take the amount down to 41 ½ %.

New language proposes that 3% of net lottery proceeds after transfers be transferred to fund the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to be used for funding grants which, along with local matching funds, assists local law enforcement to enforce laws dealing with drug offenses, violent crime, and serious offenders.

*Section 2* states the ballot language that is to be used for the proposed amendment.

### **Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Vickie McDonald, Chairperson**