

nation selection panel image disappears, and the denomination is recognized as one dollar by the main CPU 42. The player conducts the game by determining the bet number based on the denomination selected according to the above.

[0053] In the slot machine of the second embodiment, similarly to the first embodiment, the player can freely set the denomination without being limited to the sum which is fixed beforehand, as in the prior art. And the player can quickly operate the denomination selection panel 36 while seeing the reel display window portion 5 and operability to determine the denomination can be raised.

[0054] Here, in the second embodiment, it may be constructed so that the denomination value input through the numerical keypad device 35 and the denomination selection panel 36 is used as the denomination over a plural times of games and such denomination is used for setting the betted money. That is to say, the denomination value input in the present game by the player may be stored as the data in the RAM 44 and the like and the stored data is used as the denomination in the present game and the next games, thereby the betted sum is set. In this case, the stored data in the RAM 44 is automatically treated as the initial value of the denomination, and so long as the player does not renew the denomination, that is, the denomination value is not again input, such initial value is continued to be used as the denomination. And when the denomination value is again input through the numerical keypad device 35 or the denomination selection panel 36, the initial value may be displayed in the denomination display part 32.

[0055] According to the above construction, in a case that the constant denomination is used over a plural times of games, the player can omit the input operation of the denomination value through the numerical keypad device 35 and the denomination selection panel 36 every the unit game, thereby operation in the game can be reduced. As a result, even if the player conducts games for a long time, the player can concentrate in games without feeling fatigue and improvement of motivation for games can be expected.

[0056] And it may be determined corresponding to gaming state whether or not the denomination value input through the numerical keypad device 35 or the denomination selection panel 36 by the player is used for setting the betted money. For example, it is supposed two gaming states, in which the expectation values of the payout paid out to the player in the unit game are different with each other, and it is supposed that the gaming state with lower expectation value is the first gaming state and the gaming state with high expectation value is the second gaming state. At that time, in one of the first gaming state and the second gaming state, the denomination value input through the numerical keypad device 35 or the denomination selection panel 36 by the player is used and in the other gaming state thereof the denomination value fixedly stored in the ROM 43 is used.

[0057] According to the above construction, there may be a case that the rate for getting coins in the specific gaming state may be controlled.

[0058] And according to the gaming state, it may be conceivable that a range of the denomination value which the player can input through the numerical keypad device 35 or the denomination selection panel 36 is changed. For example, in the above first gaming state, the denomination

may be selected within the range from 1 cent up to a predetermined first upper limit value (for example, 100 dollars) and in the above second gaming state, the denomination may be selected within the range from 1 cent up to a predetermined second upper limit value (for example, 10 dollars) lower than the above first upper limit value. Further, the second upper limit value may be set higher than the first upper limit value. And a lower limit value of the denomination value which the player can input may be changed according to the gaming state.

[0059] According to the above construction, there may be a case that the rate for getting coins in the specific gaming state may be controlled.

[0060] And in the above first and second embodiments, although it is explained the case that operation of the numerical keypad device 35 is detected by the numerical keypad device detection circuit 64 and the detected value is input to the main CPU 42, thereby the denomination value is determined, the present invention is not limited to this. For example, it may be conceivable that the function of the numerical keypad device detection circuit 64 is provided with the touch panel 5k and the numerical value input through the numerical keypad device 35 is directly given to the main CPU 42 from the touch panel 5k. According to this construction, in the cabinet to which the touch panel 5k is installed as the standard, the slot machine having the same function as the above embodiment may be realized by only changing software thereof, without adding a new parts such as the numerical keypad device detection circuit 64.

[0061] Further, in the above embodiments, although dollar (\$) and cent (¢) are utilized as the currency denomination displayed on the numerical keypad device 35 for inputting the denomination and the denomination selection panel 36 for selecting the denomination, the currency denomination is not limited to this. For example, the currency denomination displayed on the numerical keypad device 35 and the denomination selection panel 36 may be pound and penny and the like, thereby the currency denomination may be changed and displayed corresponding to the area where the slot machine 1 is used.

[0062] And in the second embodiment, although the denomination selection panel 36 is provided with eleven sum display areas set by stages between 1 cent and 10 dollars, the present invention is not limited to this. It may be constructed so that the number of the sum display areas can be voluntarily set according to the area where the slot machine is exported and the circumstance that the slot machine is used.

[0063] In each of the above mentioned modifications, the effect similar to the above mentioned embodiments may be obtained.

[0064] In the above mentioned embodiments, although it is explained a case that the gaming machine of the present invention is applied to the slot machine, the present invention can be applied to the gaming machine in which game media are betted, similar to the above embodiment. For example, the present invention can be applied to a Japanese Pachi-slot gaming machine that rotation of the reels is stopped by operating the stop buttons, a poker gaming machine, a trump gaming machine, a mah-jong gaming machine and the like. Further, the present invention can be