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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I ask unanimous consent to withdraw all of the amendments that I've offered.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. They are withdrawn. Is there an objection? Seeing none, they are withdrawn.

CLERK: Alright then, Mr. President, we have a motion that was offered by Senator Warner. That carried. OK. We have then the DeCamp amendments to the bill. The DeCamp amendments are a page long.

PRESIDENT: Read Senator DeCamp's amendment.

CLERK: Read amendment offered by Senator DeCamp found on pages 1357 and 1358 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this is unrelated to the lottery, except that it is related to gambling. At the present time churches, particularly the Catholic Churches, chapels and schools, have bingo as you're well aware. Come May 1st they're going to be illegal through an error in drafting the code here or the legislative provisions sometime ago, through an error in drafting it they left out some particular language. One of the major newspapers in the state uncovered this or discovered it, raised concern with the Department of Revenue and the Department of Revenue has advised these people that effective the 1st of May their licenses for bingo will not be renewed. That involves, I guess, six to twelve million. It's my understanding they're trying to administratively figure some other way to solve the problem if this doesn't go through. However, putting this amendment on this bill will resolve their problem. I would urge adoption of the amendment. That's all I have to say on it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I believe that this is just a stratagem to try to use an appeal to the churches, the fair boards and all these other groups that the out-state Senators are supposed to be in favor of to try to slip through a lottery bill. So what Senator DeCamp could have done, if he means what he says, is to do as they did on the meat cutters bill. They can strip all references to the lottery, all those amendments that have been adopted, out of the bill and let it deal just with these churches and things that he says he's trying to do. So if he is totally sincere in what he says, let him move to ~~strip~~ the bill, otherwise there is a motion to kill the bill up there when the amendment is handled.

PRESIDENT: Would you like to close on your amendment, Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, the amendment is explain ... it has been explained. It relates to the bingo in the churches. Whether it strengthens or weakens the bill I really don't care. If you want to adopt it fine. The next motion up is his motion to indefinitely postpone. That should take a couple minutes. It will either rise or sink