

SENATOR KEYES: I would like to see those people come down and tell us just exactly what they would like. We did say that you can only operate one bingo license at a time. One bingo license can only be operated ten times during the month.

SENATOR VENDITTE: But, Senator Keyes, the point is if I wanted to go to Omaha tonight and operate bingo, I could. All I would have to do is go to a noncharitable organization that has been issued a license, pay them a certain amount of money and I can operate a bingo tonight.

SENATOR KEYES: You are right. You are right. And if they gave you a bingo card you could only operate one card at a time, and you could only operate that card ten times during the month. I would like to have made it stricter, but I like a lot of support. I'm not going to get involved in an issue here that's going to...I wouldn't know what you'd call it. If you accept the amendments that I...they're on the bill now. If you advance this bill I'll guarantee you that there will be 49 senators that will be hearing how we should operate bingo. Then we will offer the amendments. I couldn't get them out beforehand. Maybe we can get them out this way. If we don't do that, if we don't get anything better than this I wouldn't give a darn if you went over on Final Reading and brought it back and killed the bill. It doesn't do exactly what I think it ought to do. I couldn't get those that are conducting bingo to tell me what they would like to do. They are a little leery about it too. There ain't none of them agree.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Again, Senator Keyes, the people that the bingo laws were supposed to help, they're not helping now. The noncharitable groups, in Omaha, that are operating bingo are becoming very hard hit as a result of this private group coming into the picture. Whether it's lack of enforcement, whether it's just simply the law not keeping these people from getting that license, I don't know where the problem lies, Senator. I would hope that, before this bill moves across the board, we could do something with it.

SENATOR KEYES: The thing that should be done is that when you get a bingo license for your organization, that organization and only that organization is allowed to operate that bingo license. That it is not allowed to sell it, or lease it, or sublet it to anybody else. That is what should be done.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I want to be real serious. I know some people thought I was kind of jesting last time when I talked about St. Margaret Mary's, so and so forth. I wasn't jesting. This bill is an extremely important bill. The amendment is dynamite that we've adopted. I voted for it. I did it deliberately. I want to see the bill move onto Select File. I want to bracket it there. Orval, the reason those lobbyists, that you were talking about, haven't been down here to support the bill, those people with their particular suits, they don't haunt legislative halls, normally. The people that want this bill in that form, with those particular elements in there, don't worry about church on Sunday. This bill has within it, as it has been amended, all the elements to set us up as kind of a mini Las Vegas. Let me try