

these studies on bingo reflects that people that were not intended to be in bingo in the first place, very unsavory characters, and I am not going to refer to just exactly who they are, I think you know, have found that bingo is the new lucrative gambling area and have moved into it, and instead of the licenses accomplishing the intended goal which we put into our Constitution in 1968 of churches financing themselves and running the bingo, vast amounts of the profits have been diverted into these other areas. They are done through artificial rents and any number of similar devices. The amendment I have is the one that other states have found they had to utilize to drive these people out. Now I am not saying you should or should not have gambling, you should or should not have the churches involved but the constitutional amendment of 1968 was intended and designed for a limited purpose and that was that nonprofit established churches, veterans clubs, things like this, be allowed to have lotteries and bingo is a form of lottery. If that was the intent of the amendment in the Constitution, and it was, then you are going to have to tightly, tightly regulate it to accomplish that purpose. As I say, these studies in these other states indicated clearly bingo is the ripe new area where the takeover is occurring and the bill, as it was originally drafted, as I suggested to Senator Keyes, couldn't have been drafted by the Mafia any better. What it was was expanding the prize pyramiding, expanding the taking of licenses and pooling them together by some other group or some other individual, and if you want to get it back under control, you are going to have to have some amendments or some program like this. The amendments I suggested limit it to these nonprofit groups in their places under fairly strict conditions and accountability and it is my understanding that all those I think want to run a legitimate operation would be supporting these amendments. I worked with some people on the additions to them this morning. They say they can live with them very completely. Senator Koch, I would ask you to look over these amendments. They are in the Journal. I don't know the exact page. Maybe he can tell you up there. I know but he is asking me what page they are on.

CLERK: Your amendments? They were printed separately. They are in the bill books.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, they are printed separately and they are in the bill book for you and I think they accomplish every one of the goals you want. Senator Barnett is familiar with the situation. He was out with me to California when we met with the representatives of all the states that were dealing with the same problem. I would point out to you that as of this date the State of Nebraska has the loosest laws in the United States in this area. Now, I have an additional proposal to you that I would like you to consider and that is that you resolve the whole gambling situation in this area of lotteries, which bingo is a form of, Big Green is a form of, the Pick-O cards are a form of, by adopting an amendment, actually it is an amendment that our good friend, Senator Chambers, proposed about two years ago, and overnight it would dry up the improper influences because it does essentially in the whole area of lotteries what Senator Koch is trying to do in bingo which is make only volunteer labor involved and the proceeds, all the proceeds, have to go to the charitable purpose. So the