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SENATOR MARSH: How do you wish the question divided as we look at page 972?

SENATOR DWORAK: The first question would be page 1, subsection...page 1, section 2, that is lines 22 through and line 4 on the second page. That deals with the improvements of property. The second one would be 9-158 on the second page beginning on line 14 through line 16.

SENATOR MARSH: I have a list of persons who wanted to speak on the bill as a whole and my list reads Fitzgerald, Keyes, Koch and Labedz. Senator Maresh, light, do you wish to speak to this amendment? I recognize Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Madam President, I support the Dworak amendment. I had several letters and many visits with me about this not allowing the building where the bingo games are held to be improved with the funds. These Legion Posts and other organizations need these funds for the building improvement and I am sure if you haven't heard from your Legion Post or VFW Post probably their roof doesn't leak so you will eventually hear if we do not accept this amendment. So I wholeheartedly think we should adopt this amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Madam President, members of the body, one of the things that I did is after I introduced this bill is I made a conscious attempt through people that I knew to contact all licensees, particularly in the outstate districts or the Greater Nebraska districts so that they would have a chance to know what the bill did and how it affected them. And I didn't ask them for support or anything but I said, you know, if you have some problems with the existing bingo law, let your representative know so that they can make some changes and I think that both Senator Maresh and Senator Dworak are responding to bona-fide requests that came in from their constituents about some need to change the law. I personally, as Senator Dworak indicated, one portion of the amendment is a friendly amendment and one may not be so friendly. His first amendment is an amendment with which I have no difficulty whatsoever and it is an amendment that will essentially allow a nonprofit organization to use bingo proceeds to renovate the building that the nonprofit organization owns and I don't see any major difficulty with that at all. The second amendment is one that I have some strong misgivings about because, and I do realize that it represents a problem that