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LB 602A

SENATOR LABEDZ: It is similar to I think 953 that we brought in where it was a nonpriority bill. We brought it up on special order because it was an emergency and it is revenue producing and so is this bill, it is revenue producing and without it we won't have anything for another year.

SENATOR WAGNER: Okay, my purpose is here to kind of like state this so that this is an unusual situation, emergency situation, so we just don't do this with every bill. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I call the question.

SENATOR LAMB: The question has been called. Are there five hands? Yes, I see five hands. Those in favor of ceasing debate vote yes, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate has ceased. Senator Johnson to close on suspension of the rules.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: As you know, fellow colleagues and members, Senator Labeledz and I need 30 votes to be able to suspend the rules so that we can put the contents of LB 808 in 602A. When Senator Labeledz says that we are dealing with a critical situation, an emergency situation, she truly is right because in Omaha in the last half year and in Lincoln in the last half year there has been a tremendous growth in an untaxed, unregulated area of Bingo that this Legislature has more than carefully regulated but it doesn't regulate this area simply because of some definitional matters. Senator VonMinden is perturbed with us because we are taking time in gutting a bill so that we can do this situation. Frankly, we are probably not taking any more time on this situation than would have been taken on 602 and 602A had the issues not been worked out in advance by Senator Cullan and myself, the County Officials Association and the Governor's office. So you can be relieved to know that we are actually saving time with this particular move. But as Senator Labeledz rightfully points out, this body has reacted warmly and well when individual Senators come in with some stories that deal with true hardships to institutions in their