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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hall.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, please, followed by Senator Crosby. Senator Crosby, please, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, as I have listened to these questions from David Bernard-Stevens I am making up my mind to vote against this amendment and if it had a domino effect on Lincoln and the other municipalities, I certainly will vote against it. I disagree strongly about the law enforcement part. It may be that they don't have any big rage because maybe they're all old people down there playing bingo. I understand that part of it. But you do have fire protection, the emergency services that only the fire department and those people are...I don't think that Roger Hirsch from Revenue is going to run down there and take care of somebody if they have a heart attack. I think you will all agree with me on that. So I do feel that I don't like the idea that the city doesn't do anything for this. The city protection services are there. Quite often these bingo games, no matter who runs them, are on tax-free property because they're nonprofit groups and I do think that the City of Lincoln and all the other smaller cities deserve to have some of this come back. I'm not going to put any figures in but I don't think that you should knock this. I can't believe that Omaha, that anybody in Omaha would say they don't need the money. Surely, it's part of their budget and I just...I'm not going to vote for this amendment and I will not vote for any amendment that says that Lincoln and the other municipalities will be cut out of this altogether. So I hope everybody else would do that too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Beck.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President and members, I, once again, rise and I hesitate to get involved in an issue that with the committee amendments is simply an issue that deals just with the City of Omaha. But as I'm sitting here listening to the debate this morning, I guess I need to ask Senator Hall a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.