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SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...dealing with a charitable organization and both of these issues deal with who collects the tax, who pays it. Do we take the tax and, in essence, rob the charities? I don't think so. I don't think it makes sense because then, in turn, you have exactly the example with your first question that you asked me...should we then reduce monies that the government gives to some of these charities? I don't think it makes any sense. If you don't tax them, you allow them the ability to raise funds themselves so they don't have to come to government to ask for monies. It only makes sense especially in this provision when there are no services provided for the taxes currently received. Thank you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Hall.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Mocre.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore moves the previous question. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. For closing on the adoption of the committee amendments, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, again, the issue is a reduction in the bingo tax from 4 percent collected by the City of Omaha to 2 percent. The issue has been raised by a number of members who clearly come to the defense of the City of Omaha and I hope they will be there at other times. Senator Moore, but the issue is one of not does the city need the money. It's a little over \$200,000. It is not a significant impact by any stretch when you're dealing with a budget of over \$200 million. So that's what we're talking about, a minuscule amount with regard to the dollar figure. But what we're talking about in LB 775 in the committee amendments is the tax is unfairly collected and unjustly due. The tax is not a tax that provides for services that have been rendered, so to speak. It's a tax that was in