

state for more money. That, too, is inconceivable. This is \$200,000 that, people, it's not going to be dropped in a whole, it goes back to the charity. It is accountable...the charity is accountable for every cent they spend. You can go to their books and see where they're spending it. You can go to the bingo halls and see that they're not wild, riotous places. And this money is taken and it's used, every cent of it, in private work within the community. And so I would just ask again that you look on the bill with that in mind and I would hope that we can soon pass it and at least get it on to General File and we can talk about it later. It...you know, you can rise up against it later but I think we've spent a tremendous amount of time on a very simple bill this morning. And even though it's my baby, I would like to see us, you know, get it moved on. And that's all I have to say at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Beck. The member from Plattsmouth, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, I wasn't going to get into this but I would like to have those of you that don't live in Omaha to stop and think a minute about something that hasn't been brought up that I think you ought to consider. Those that run bingo operations in the rest of the state are going to ask you immediately, if not within a few weeks, why is it if you run a bingo operation in Omaha you get to keep more money than I do running a bingo operation in any other area in the State of Nebraska? The question will be, doesn't my operation spend its money just as legitimately for just as legitimate charities, for just as legitimate good functions, the Little League, but we cannot...we don't have as much money left at the end of each month as those that have in Omaha where they're keeping a greater proportion for their charities. So I think we're setting a policy here. Perhaps we are spending too much time but we are making a split within the state by saying that if you live in Omaha, you keep more money for your charity, for your operation than if you live in any other part of the State of Nebraska. So we are making a major policy shift even though it doesn't appear to be that at first glance. Perhaps the tax is not what it should be. We've been through this several times already. I would submit to you that what we are doing is not that unfair, that we ought to keep it uniform throughout the state and that we shouldn't be making this split and that we should continue exactly what we have been doing and that would amount to killing this bill.