

SENATOR NELSON: Okay, that's my question.

SENATOR HALL: And it should be \$750,000 and not 75 million, because we only raise approximately 7 million dollars, total, in the area of this tax. So, it's a typo that was brought to my attention by Senator Byars this morning.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you. I just thought maybe I missed something.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: No, I...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of amendment B, I guess, according to the division of the question. I don't have too much to add to what Senator Hall had to say, but I do know that the bingo tax is very, very important to many of the organizations in Omaha, and I'm sure in the rest of the state. We have a problem, as you know, we have LB 346, which is a tuition tax credit for any parent that sends their children to private schools, and unfortunately that did not advance the other day. Many of the private schools do depend on their bingo proceeds to support the schools. And in most cases the parents are having to come up with the high tuition, in addition they also have to pay a high property tax. As Senator Hall mentioned, the city itself will be the one is...that will be the loser. And, if I remember correctly, and I said this before on the floor, when I was the bingo tax inspector for the Department of Revenue, way back in the sixties and early seventies, the State of Nebraska did all the work, and the city...the cities and counties were the ones that got a great cut of the proceeds from bingo. Bingo to the organizations, the Little League's, the senior citizens centers, and the schools and many other organizations worthwhile, the Veterans, the UNO, I believe they probably only sell pickles, I don't think they have bingo, but I am speaking for both, I support both the decreases, not only for the bingo tax but for the pickle tax. And I urge you to adopt this amendment, and I will be speaking on the pickle amendment later on. And, of course, I also support the definite tax break to continue for Ak-Sar-Ben. I have a letter, that I will read later on, from a young...not a young man, a man that has been working for Ak-Sar-Ben for many years, and there are at least