

been mentioned yet, and this applies to the pickle cards and the bingo games and I did appreciate what Senator Landis said about the support of schools and other projects that the charitable organizations and nonprofit organizations that use these methods of bingo, and particularly most of the time a harmless form of evening's entertainment for a lot of people. I don't happen to be one of those that love to go and play bingo but I know a lot of people that do. But there is two things, in the first place, that haven't been mentioned, and I am going to vote for these amendments, I voted for the other one, because even though the places where they hold the bingo games are policed by the Revenue Gaming Commission, the Revenue Department's Gaming Commission, they are also the beneficiaries of the services from the safety departments, the Fire Department, and the Police Department, and so on. If there were a fire at one of the churches during a bingo game or something like that, the Fire Department would come, and, of course, the city pays for that. City...a lot of city taxes pay for that. The other thing is one of our churches in Lincoln I am sure was very happy to have the police come out when they had the bingo money robbed one night last year. Right after the games, some armed robbers came in and held the people that were there and took the money. So from that point of view, I don't think we should just look at it, well, too bad, the cities don't get the money. Comparatively speaking, it is not a lot of money that the cities will not get, and that is one of the reasons I'm going to...I'm voting for these amendments. But the other thing is that most of you have read in the newspapers about the Internal Revenue Service putting the threat now that they are going to...in fact, I think it is even more than a threat...that they are going to ask for taxes from those nonprofit organizations, back taxes, to pay for their earnings that they made on this, which fair or not, and I don't think it is fair, is a threat and a shadow, and every little bit of this kind of help will help them and if they have to meet that obligation. I hope that is worked out so they do not. There is a bill in Congress, of course, which would help in the future. I don't think it will be retroactive or anything. So I just thought we should mention these two things. There is more to it than meets the eye, and all of these organizations, the...I think there is some veterans organizations and so on, that use these methods of raising money through an entertainment procedure to help on their projects. And many of them, those in particular, not just the churches and so on who support schools and so on, those other organizations do tremendous work in helping different projects and helping