

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My amendment will do two things. It strikes language in the Standing Committee amendment that would prohibit a person under 18 years of age from being present at a bingo occasion, because it has come to our attention that individuals under 18 already are present at bingo occasions but not deemed to be playing or participating in a bingo game. They can work in the concessions area and do other things not associated directly with the conduct of a bingo game, and this is presently permitted, and there is no reason to change this. So we wanted to make very clear about that. And, secondly, it corrects a bill drafting error in line 4 of the Standing Committee amendment. It should read to strike the second "in" in line 8 of the bill. I ask for the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there anyone wishing to discuss the Smith amendment to the committee amendments? Seeing no one, Senator Smith, do you wish to close? She waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment to the committee amendments as offered by Senator Smith. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Smith's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The Smith amendment is adopted. We will go to the committee amendments, as amended. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Basically, Mr. Speaker, I have explained the committee amendments and, unless there are questions, I would ask for the adoption of the committee amendments at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any discussion to the committee amendments for LB 427? Seeing none, we will proceed to vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the committee amendments to LB 427. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Now we will go to LB...to Senator Haberman on the bill as amended.