

Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, this legislation was brought to me by two organizations, one in Perkins County, a women's organization, and the Lions Club in Chase County. Due to the Revenue Department doing their job and enforcing the law, the Perkins County women's organization did not and could not have bingo this year for their stand to raise money for community betterment...benefit. The Chase County Fair has a bingo stand conducted by the Lions Club and they lost around 3,800 to \$4,000 due to, rightfully so, the Revenue Department enforcing the law. Now every group who wishes to sponsor bingo games must apply for a regular bingo license. Those groups who wish to hold bingo at special events, festivals, bazaars, picnics, carnivals, centennial celebrations, may apply for a limited bingo permit in addition to their regular bingo license. Current law says you must be at least 18 years old to play bingo and even to be present to watch bingo unless you're accompanied by a parent. A grandparent can't take you. A baby-sitter can't take you. Your parent has to take you. Now LB 427 affects only the limited bingo games, not regular bingo licensed games. My bill would allow people under the age of 18 to play bingo as well as to be present to watch the game only for the limited bingo permit games and if the prize per game does not go over \$25. This bill would allow those groups who hold a bingo license with a special limited license to permit, they may permit people 18 and under to play. That's the sum and substance of the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Is there anyone wishing to discuss the bill? Seeing no one, Senator Haberman, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HABERMAN: There's no questions. I will just pass for advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Haberman waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 427. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We're voting on the advancement of LB 427. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 427.