

CLERK: The first amendment I have to the bill is by Senators Labeledz and Hall. (Labeledz-Hall amendment appears on page 1367 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Hall and I are offering this amendment to LB 427, and it's printed, as the board shows, on page 1367. At the request of a church in my district, we introduced LB 567, which is presently on General File. Since it will not have a priority, we will not have the opportunity to pass this, this session. And Senator Haberman has graciously agreed to offering our amendment on his bill, which was LB 427. The amendment is very simple. It...a Class I bingo license, currently, are not allowed to exceed \$100,000 in gross receipts for licensure, and a Class II license are required when gross receipts are equal to or greater than \$100,000. This amendment that Senator Hall and I introduced merely increases both of those figures to \$150,000. The bingo operations at most of the churches in Omaha, which incidentally is operated mostly by volunteers, requests that the Class I limit be raised to 150,000, because they had to close their bingos part of the year in order not to exceed the \$100,000 limit. They've operated their school from bingo profits for 15 years now, and it is questionable if their school could continue to operate without the bingo funds. Another difference between Class I and Class II is that bingo games operated under a Class II license must be played on paper cards. Many of the patrons who play at this organization are elderly people, and I don't know if any of you ever have gone to a bingo game, I've never gone to a bingo game and actually sat down and played bingo, but I do...I...I...I'm good at cards and dice, Senator Hall, are you satisfied. I don't like bingo. But I have a lot of friends and family that do attend the bingo games. But if you've ever gone to a bingo, and I have, politically, when I'm passing out cards to elect Senator Hall as a state senator to the Nebraska Unicameral, and when I pass out these cards I'm amazed at how some of the elderly can play anywhere from 20 to 25 cards. And then I'll say they just called B6, and the woman will look at me, or the man, and say, I don't have B6, they don't even look at their 25 to 30 cards because they've got all their numbers memorized. And when they have to go, in September or October at a bingo game, to the paper disposable cards, they just refused to go to that bingo, they'll go to another one. They want to use the cards that they've played for maybe 15, 20