

years. So what this bill does is increase that from 100 to 150 thousand, so the bingos at some of the churches don't have to close down and go to the hard cards. And I was just kidding, Senator Hall, about going to your bingo games and passing out your cards. I didn't do that, I did it on the telephone. But I do politically go to a lot of bingos and enjoy watching the elderly play, and some of the younger people, too. But the fact that they do like the hard cards and do not like the disposable cards, and Roger Hurst did appear at the hearing on the bill that we introduced, and he said he had no objection, but it was easier for the Department of Revenue to track the gross receipts when it was disposable cards rather than the hard cards. But we're talking about those that are strictly volunteers and trying to earn enough money to keep our schools open. And I certainly hope that this amendment will be attached to LB 427. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, members. Again, I rise in support of Senator Labeledz's amendment that we co-sponsored together. The issue is that we just had the District 66 amendment, this is the Holy Ghost amendment. They run a bingo that fits in the category of the Class I, I guess is what it is, and strictly is an issue that they run a very effective bingo. They've been doing it, they have done it with hard cards instead of paper. It is the difference between the market approach and the income approach for ag land value. That's how serious these people take their bingo. And they just won't go any place else to play, because they want to go through that pile of cards, as big as one of these tables we sit in front of, and dig out the right card that's their lucky card, and they don't want to play on paper. So they've just been able to raise some money. And what they use the money for is basically to subsidize their school. It's been a very viable program. This just raises that income level a little bit. I think that they are one of the few, if not the only bingo games that would even be able to be eligible for this. Most of them have moved to the paper bingo, because it has become the method by which a number of players have chosen to operate. It has become the most, I guess, effective, efficient for operators as well. But they are just in the throes of the past, and they do a good job at it. All this amendment does is allow them to run year round, in that same format, by raising minimally the threshold under which they qualify. I would urge the adoption