

going to see a shift of bingo games that are currently functioning under Class II now be able to drop down to Class I and use hard cards, because there is an advantage there to get around the paper trail, if you will. The reporting that has been instituted since the changes that were made, first in 1987, then in 1989, and again through the legislation that we have before us, have, I think, given the department ample opportunity to put in place checks and balances to keep that from happening. Another factor that weighs heavy here is that you are not going to get those individuals who currently have been weaned off the hard cards and onto paper to go back, just because an individual should shift the type of game that they play, you're not going to see the patrons shift as easily. It's like any other business, you offer the patron what they will buy, and the patron, on the whole, is buying the paper operations. Class II's are large, large games. They are not going to fall within that 150, although some will, but they are not going to shift the type of game that they play because the patrons won't...

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SENATOR HALL: ...allow it, and there is no advantage to going back. This is strictly an issue where it will affect, I would be surprised, any other game than the one that Senator Labeledz and I mentioned. But I do appreciate the comments that Senator Hartnett made. I would not support this, if I thought there was going to be a problem in terms of paper trail. We're we to double or triple this, to 250 to 500 thousand, then clearly that would be a problem. But I don't see that there is any game that is going to fall under the new definition of Class I with this amendment, that would see an advantage in going back to a hard card, as opposed to paper bingo. I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Before I proceed to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Coordsen. We have 25 K through eighth grade students from District 18 at Crete and their teacher. They're in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Robak.