

paper as opposed to hard cards. I think that since the time that that law was adopted by the Legislature, some time has past, maybe that \$100,000 level isn't as applicable anymore, since there's been inflation. There are games now that we've traditionally considered to be small games, that have...are in danger of or are going over that \$100,000 level. They still retain the character of those small games, however. And one of the things that they like to do is use the hard cards. And I think that it's entirely appropriate for the Legislature to take a look at those levels, from time to time, to adjust the classes of bingo games that we're talking about. And I think that the amendment carried by Senators Labeledz and Hall is entirely reasonable. I would urge the adoption of that amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. Speaker, are there any more lights on?

SPEAKER BAACK: No, there are not.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Then I'll consider this my closing.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I agree with everything that Senator Will, Senator Robak, and Senator Hall had to say, and Senator Hartnett, too. Way back in the late sixties and early seventies, I was a bingo inspector for the Department of Revenue, believe it or not. It was my job to go around the City of Omaha and check on the bingos, and kind of estimate how many cards were purchased on the specials, like the gold cards, and the special cards. It's been so long ago it's pretty difficult for me to recall many of them. But when I went to the churches and schools I can tell you one thing, since they were supervised and run by strictly volunteers, we had no problems. We did have some problems with the big time operators that were operating in Omaha on some of the bingo games. But I do want to tell you one more story, and I think you'll enjoy this. I went to a wake, not too long ago, a woman in here late eighties was buried. And as I walked up into the church, to the front of the church and looked into the casket, there fanned out in...on...by her side was her hard card bingo cards. So you can be assured that these elderly people take their bingo very serious when they ask to be buried with their hard card bingo cards, because they don't want