

areas, and Senator Smith can correct me if I'm wrong, that there was much disagreement on, at least there was considerable discussion of this, not only in the hearing, but also within the committee makeup as to this change, because what you have is a breaking down of a system that has worked extremely well. Frankly, to be quite honest with you, this would only apply to a few people. There would only be a few manufacturers who would be eligible to be distributors. And I guess that, for my purposes, is another reason to keep this distinction between those who manufacture the product separate from those who distribute it, because there is again the potential there for, I'm not saying that it's going to happen, but we put it in place so that there would not be any problem in terms of bootlegged type paper. Currently you can't buy paper from a manufacturer. I can't operate a bingo and go out and buy the paper directly from the manufacturer. I have to get it from a distributor whose licensed with the department, who the department checks on, who has paid their fees. But at this point in time, with this provision that is currently in Senator Smith's amendment, that all changes. And it's one step that I don't think, at this point, there has been enough justification for breaking down that barrier that we put up, to just guarantee that the tiered system protects against any illegal activities that could potentially take place. With that, I'd offer the amendment to Senator Smith's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Discussion on the amendment. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just state that I've had a request for another copy of this amendment. It is 125 pages, as I told you. It was distributed to all of you last week. But if there is anyone here, besides Senator Hartnett, that wants an additional copy, right now we do have some extra copies I'm told. So if there's anyone tremendously interested and would like to get a copy, why I think they have them up in front, at the Clerk's desk there. Thank you. And, Tim, I guess I just have to say it takes you to generate enough interest for people to ask for copies. And I would also like to tell you, Senator Hall, and members of the body, that I want to make sure that everyone here knows that this...this so called section, which was a substantive change which was added to the committee bill, was discussed in the public hearing. It did get adequate debate and discussion. So there is nothing about it that is, you know, secret, or that was added after the fact. It also was