

SENATOR WILL: Mr. President, I move the readvancement of LB 207 to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR CONWAY: The motion is to readvance the bill. All in favor say aye, against say no. Against say no. It is readvanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: That's all that I have on 207, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the next bill, LB 42. Senator Wehrbein would move to return the bill for a specific amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, and members, this specifically reduces...takes out...I don't have it in front of me but the amendment that allows 18-year-olds to participate in bingo games, I guess it's occasional bingo games, it's just my feeling, I understand that the information we had originally that it was the only one in the United States isn't exactly accurate but...and I will let Senator Smith speak on that. But my only point was that I...I'm a little at a disadvantage because I recognize this as Senator Haberman's interest and that he is doing in response to some constituencies and it does have statewide...but it does have statewide impact. And I just think we ought to consider this quite seriously, even though it is for pleasure, it is supposedly an innocent occupation, it is at games under \$25 gifts is the maximum that can be given. I think it's four times a year, if my memory is right. I just think we ought to simply look at this very carefully whether we ought to get into this area of allowing younger people, and I won't call them children necessarily, but younger people begin participating in these kinds of activities. In my opinion, it simply leads to more interest in this type of thing. Obviously, there are some people that would like to have that interest be whetted and continued. On the other hand, I think that there are lots of activities that we can do without getting into the wagering area. It's...to my dismay, I see many athletic con...most athletic contests today are popular to a large degree only because they can be bet on. And I think that we're encouraging activity in our society today that really in the long run is detrimental in many areas. I have no great opposition to adults participating in this, but if we start this at a young age, it simply continues on into life and perhaps as we're learning sadly in the social situation it is socially that