

allowed to participate in bingo and I don't think that some of the fears that were paraded around by the letters that Senator Smith referred to are justified. I don't think that this...this simply allows individuals to go in and play when you're in an atmosphere that is like a carnival type thing. I would also want to reemphasize what Senator Smith said about the other games that are available in a carnival type situation and that is that I don't...for those of you who have been to carnivals or fairs or anything like that, you know that a bingo game is a lot more honest and straightforward than a lot of the games that you probably do engage in in that type of situation. So, with that, I would urge your support of this amendment. And I would give Senator Smith any remaining time if she would like to continue her comments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Will. I would just...I would just also add something else. I know that, for instance, it made me think about this a little bit when I was looking through this list of things that we were talking about here. Last summer I went to our county fair in Adams County and, you know, I'm very proud of my little grandsons and at that fair they were selling game...they were selling tickets that you could buy chances to win a little riding airplane. It was supposed to have been valued at over a \$100. My tickets were a dollar apiece and I bought a number of chances for my grandchildren. I didn't think of that as being...as gambling. And I think the comparison I'm trying to make here is that when we're talking about these kids being able to play bingo, and the prizes, by the way, are limited to no more than \$25 worth of value at these games, and the average value then is about \$5 instead. They don't ever run \$25, but that's what the limit on them is, is \$25. Then I think this is very comparable to a lot of other things that we're already allowing them to do out there. And the idea that this is something that's just limited to...to a county fair is...for a limited bingo permit is absolutely untrue because if you think about the facts, according to the information Senator Haberman has gathered here, during the last five years 186 limited bingo permits have been granted is all, and of those 55 were for county fairs, and the other kinds of events that they raised them for were things like fund raisers for volunteer groups and once-a-year fund raisers, special events, like the county centennial, family type kinds of things that we think of all the time, and some of them are, in fact,