

three rounds of debate on this bill, one in committee, two on previous stages. Here it is our ninth inning on the bill and an opponent to Senator Haberman's bill wants to change the rules and add a fourth strike. With all due respect to the source of information, I also have to take strong exception to the Hamilton letter of May 14th in which there is a quote saying that Nebraska will be the first state to allow any form of legalized gambling for minors if LB 427 is passed. That statement is simply misrepresentation of the fact based on the information that has already been passed out for each one of us. The fact is that most states don't have any rules at all. The law in many other states is simply silent with regard to the attendance or participation of minors in bingo games. Perhaps their laws don't allow minors to play bingo but they don't prohibit them either. Even with the change as proposed in Senator Haberman's bill, our law would remain more restrictive than a number of the states indicated. Let's take a look at the kind of gambling we're talking about. Senator Haberman is asking that minors be allowed to play at limited period bingo games with prizes of \$25 or less. In other words, the Lion's Club booth at the county fair or a volunteer fireman bingo game where the prizes may have been even donated by local businesses. This is really not exactly a direct route to the bright lights or the roulette wheels of Las Vegas. Of all the mischief that a young person could get into while wandering around fair grounds, I think most any parent would be relieved to learn that their child had spent some of his time with his parents playing bingo. And I think most parents would be shocked to be told that the Lion's Club is a major corrupting influence of minors. This motion is truly one of dubious futility and credibility and I urge its defeat. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President, I also rise to oppose bringing...returning this bill to Select File. I think that Senator Haberman brought it for a county and I felt people come in from, I think it was Perkins County, I think they wanted it simply as occasional bingo, as Senator Smith explained, you know, only four times a year within a seven-day period, simply for as a money raising thing. We also tightened the bill, I think, as I think as Senator Smith already...and I will repeat it again, that it's a person under 18 years old may be present at a bingo occasion if such person's parents or legal guardian is present and approves of the presence of such person during