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LB 583, 762

please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 583.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 583 advances. LB 762.

CLERK: LB 762 by Senator Hartnett. (Read title.) The bill was introduced January 19, referred to General Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hartnett, to open on your bill.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, that pickle cards are part of the gaming or gambling in the state and it's actually the province of charities, that's where charities get their money within the state. And what this does it...the changes in this bill relates to the pickle card unit and prize limit. It's permissive in that all the charities make a decision on what kind of pickle cards they're going to use and would raise the play count number of cards in a unit from 4,500 to 1,000 cards and it also would raise the prize limit from \$500 to \$1,000. And I think these changes are needed, we haven't looked at this issue since 1988, needed to allow sellers of pickle cards to compete for the gambling dollars in the state. It's simply used for the charities, all the charities of the state, and so simply would ask for advancement, unless there is any question, advancement of LB 762.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robak, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Hartnett, could you answer a question for me?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR ROBAK: Senator Hartnett, who brought this bill to you?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Some of my charities in my district.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay, some of the people in my district have been asking me for an increase in the scratch-off lottery tickets. Would you...I know this isn't in your bill, but would you have any objections to perhaps an amendment, wouldn't hurt your bill, to increase the payback to the pickle card payers,