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LB 590, 634, 687, 1055, 1114, 1190A, 1316
LR 461

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Withem. I won't take much of the body's time. I think that the...I've explained the bill. This is an issue that's been before us before. If we...the tax on bingo is unconscionably high at this point. There are very legitimate reasons, as I have mapped out, for eliminating the city portion of the tax and reducing the state portion. I think it's a simple matter of fairness. And I would reemphasize what I told Senator Schellpeper, and that is that the failure of the committee amendment does not satisfy me. I certainly would want to pull out the provisions relating to keno on Select File and retain the bill as a simple bingo bill that helps charities without affecting the keno organization, the keno operators or the cities at all on that end. I think it's a simple matter of equity. When we've given the cities the advantage of having keno when, and keno is turning out to be very lucrative for a number of the cities, that we, on the other end, remove some of the burden that we've placed on the charities by having the unconscionable level of taxation that we do on bingo games. With that I would ask your support for the advancement of LB 687.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question before the body now then is the advancement of LB 687. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk. Senator Will, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Speaker, I'd ask for a record vote, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: A record vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1667 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 13 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The bill does not advance. Are there any items for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, there are. New resolution LR 461 offered by Senator Robinson. (Read brief summary.) Amendments to be printed, Senator Preister to LB 634, Senator Lindsay to LB 590, Senator Lindsay to 1316, Senator Maurstad to 1114, Senator Lynch to 1190A. Request from Senator Wesely to add his name to LB 1055. Request from Senator Kristensen asking