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so on, and a lot of it has gone. But originally, bingo was a social thing. And there probably are some social games that go on. But the state came along and made people license the bingo games because they thought it should be controlled and so on. But bingo now, compared to the lottery and the boats out on the Missouri River, bingo is a little, sort of a nothing anymore. Wouldn't you think, Senator Baker, it's kind of a nothing. But there are still some social games that go on. So, from that point of view, I agree that it's not a good.... Gambling just isn't for me a good way to raise money. And I don't like the state raising it that way. And there is one line in here, Senator Schellpeper, that I won...I was reading, and I wondered if...the Lottery Division recently leased a van to transport merchandise. They used a two year lease to keep the cost under \$15,000. Although a three year lease would have saved money, it would have pushed the cost over \$15,000, and the dealer did not want to go through a background check. That's an example, Senator Schellpeper, of how I feel about the lottery group, because they're a little entity that almost...they don't have to pay any attention to any of the...oh, what would you call it, the usual bidding processes and all that, because they control so much money and it's cash. So I'm just pointing out that too, that line. And I understand what you're doing, and I think that's fine. And I always appreciate and thank you for being Chairman of General Affairs, because I know it's a difficult committee. And so...but I did want you to understand why I'm voting no. And I did want to clarify that there is no, as far as I know, I looked in my missal that has all the saints names, and I did not find St. Bingo.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Is there any further debate on LB 479? If not, Senator Schellpeper, to close.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I appreciate Senator Chambers and Senator Crosby's comments. But, basically, this bill is just a...makes two technical changes is all. It doesn't expand gambling, doesn't do anything else, it just, like I said, makes those two changes. The committee had no difficulty with the bill. There was no opposition to it, so I would move for the adoption...for the advancement of LB 479. Thank you.