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gambling and do go to bingo games to do that activity where it can do some good in the community with those revenues developed through the churches that support, in a lot of cases, the primary schools. Can name some of them in our area in north Omaha and others. And I think it makes much sense for us to do that. We don't change the law as it applies to lotteries or gambling at all. We just simply have to, as we've been advised, develop this legislation that would permit this particular secondary kind of activity to help encourage those people in these organizations. There is an amendment, I talked about the bill, but the amendment that's offered simply reinserts or...doesn't reinsert because we never took it out, but we left out some language that has to be back in, and if you had a copy of the bill, LB 658, or if you have it up on your machines, it's on lines 21 and lines 22, and it identifies language that would provide "may utilize numbers drawn or selected in the conduct of bingo pursuant to the Nebraska Bingo Act to award prizes". That language has to be in there for this to be a legal procedure, and that's about it. It's fairly simple. Would appreciate your support. I think whether you agree or disagree with gambling or don't think people should, I would agree with you. I don't go to too many bingo games and I've been across the river only once and that was to get all the meat I could eat at their buffet, but there are people that do, older people, in particular, that live in the neighborhood of the church or the American Legion hall or wherever else that have this as an important activity in their life, and I think this opportunity would help them and also help those activities the organization they support, provides for them and the community. Try to answer any questions you might have.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lynch would move to amend the bill. Senator, I have AM0444 in front of me. (Legislative Journal page 818, First Session, 1999.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Lynch, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Mr. Speaker and Clerk, I think I just defined the language on page 1, lines 21 and 22, and read that