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allowing this bill pass onto Select. But I wanted to make sure you understood something, and that is that these machines are not slot machines, they do not dispense money. It's simply an electronic device, and it's an electronic device that can't be used or sold to anybody or any organization, through any organization in any place except a licensed liquor, on-sale license. In other words, you can't have an off-sale liquor license and have these machines. The reason for that is obvious, to make sure that we can control who uses these machines and that they are in fact for adults and not kids, that we want to...we want to make sure do not, do not use this and sneak the chance to use it by having it in places where only adults should be. I think it's something whose time has come. I hope it's important enough and I hope some of you realize that a vote against this because you don't like gambling is something I can understand, but it's kind of a poke in the eye to the organizations, institutions, American Legions, churches and all the rest that try to do things themselves rather than relying on government to help them all the time. I would like to see what would happen if we just said, no, we're not going to help you, we're not going to provide the means for you to do anything anymore, just nobody gets a chance to do this. First of all, Lord have mercy on them, these people are going to go somewhere else to gamble, and those that are convenient enough to the river take their money across the river, they don't have to swim across it just to go to the casinos. But the charitable gaming people, of course, would have an opportunity to hopefully have some of those people pay more loyalty than they have in the past to the charitable organizations. They used to, used to support but don't support as much anymore because of the romance and the noise and the lights and the glitter of the boats and, of course, the dog tracks and all the rest that goes with it over in Council Bluffs. So I would respectfully ask that you put aside any bias you might have, the morality that you think is a real concern of yours, I'm sure it is, and support a bill like this for the sake of the charitable organizations needing this revenue. Thanks.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Question is the adoption of AM0445 to LB 659. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.