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Mr. President, thank you, members, for your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on AM2770 to LB 973. Open for discussion. Senator Janssen, on the amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Yes, we did hear this bill in committee. It did...it was amended in committee, as Senator Jensen alluded to. We changed the "shall" to "may" on the first offense, which I don't believe was unreasonable. There could have been times when the owner of that establishment had an employee who was working for them and on the side he was running this illegal gambling device without that person's knowledge. And it would have been his license that would have been up for grabs and not the manager or the person who was working there. So it does give a little more discretion to the Liquor Commission on assessing these penalties. It's a big problem we have in this state with illegal gambling devices. I also had a bill in front of the Judiciary Committee that would have made it a felony, in possession of these machines in liquor establishments. I think this is probably the lesser of the two, so we will hopefully have this amendment put onto LB 973. I think it's a reasonable solution to the problem that we have. With that, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. There are no further lights on. Senator Jensen, would you wish to close on your amendment? Senator Jensen waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM2770 be adopted to LB 973? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Jensen's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM2770 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Hilgert would move to reconsider the vote just taken with respect to AM2770.