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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is successful. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 659 on Select File. E & R amendments have been adopted. An amendment to the bill by Senator Smith has been adopted. When the body left the bill on April 5, Senator Lynch had offered AM3206, Mr. President. That amendment is currently pending. (Legislative Journal page 1475.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Lynch, you're recognized to open on AM3206.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members, I know it's late. I appreciate those of you who are here to stick around until this piece of business is done. We ran out of time, as you know, the previous time we had addressed this bill. The amendment I'm offering now consolidates the keno amendment, which was Senator Robak's bill, which was withdrawn by her from the agenda and was going to be brought up after our bill. Obviously, we don't have time for that. Keno amendment with my amendment now becomes part of the bill that you already have known and have already amended it with Senator Smith's bill, with Senator Smith's amendment. And that's all I really need to say, except that I don't know if any of you received documents from people about gambling in general and how it affects people and who is helped, et cetera. I just want to remind you all that when I originally introduced this bill it was to help charitable gaming people and that was it, no more, no less. It was the churches, it was the VFW halls, the American Legion clubs, and those kinds of charities. And the reason I did that was that they had lost almost 50 percent or more of their income as a result of the boats coming in across the river in Council Bluffs. Now we'd like to maybe believe that since they don't have that amount of volume in charitable gaming right now that it means those people are not gambling. I think what you're going to have to realize is that they are gambling across the river probably and they're spending a lot more money than they did with the charitable gaming people here in Nebraska. Keno has been affected as well. Keno has lost 25 percent of their income. Charitable gaming has lost 50 percent of theirs. This is just a chance. My bill and the amendment as you now see it simply is offered to give a chance to these charities to