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very small group of people, while at the same time creating problems, the nature of which cannot completely be determined, is not what we ought to do. I'm not going to support this bill. But if it moves, then at the next stage I will have some amendments, and the first one will be to place liability on the municipality that authorizes this kind of activity. We will see the kind of strength that the bill has. I doubt that it has 33 votes, and that's what you'll be looking at if this bill moves. And if an amendment is rejected that would make the municipality liable to anybody injured, whether it's the one with the bucket, somebody in a vehicle, an innocent bystander on a curb, anybody injured as a result of any of these transactions being undertaken pursuant to an ordinance enacted by a municipality will render that municipality liable, and it will be strict liability. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion, advancement of LB 7. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Pedersen, let me describe to you something that's in another statute and see if you would be amenable to this as part of a Select File amendment. You had referenced, with respect to the definition of charitable and community development purposes, 9-504, which is part of the small lotteries and raffles act, and that solves part of the problem. You know they have another provision in here, though, that partially, probably mostly resolves another aspect of this that's troublesome. Not only would the purpose have to be for charitable and community betterment purposes under this act, but it would also have to be on behalf of a qualifying nonprofit corporation. And it goes on to define those types of nonprofit corporations that would qualify as a nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code, or whose major activities are conducted for charitable and community betterment purposes. That is, this is not just a single thing but this is what they do. And then it requires that the qualifying nonprofit shall have its principal place of office in the state and shall conduct a majority of its activities in Nebraska, the point being that there's some effort to describe the types of organizations that can be allowed to send out solicitors so that there's some