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churches and other little organizations that operate raffles. The essential factor to remember where those operations are concerned is that the ones purchasing the raffle tickets are interested in helping out the particular charity. They would donate money whether they won the prize or not. Where Big Green and Big Gold were concerned, they were a gigantic operation and they were gambling, pure and simple. There was no pretense on the part of anybody buying tickets that they were trying to support a charity of their choice. I won't go through all the arguments about the viciousness of a lottery which holds up the possibility of finding a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow but in reality there is nothing there but disappointment and additional poverty. This amendment that I am offering you is the substance of LB 901 which was heard as a separate bill before the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. LB 901 was advanced to the floor. Since there is a bill on General File dealing with lotteries, I am offering this amendment. It would substitute LB 901 for all of the verbiage and provisions offered by Senator DeCamp which used a lot of words but say, when you get right down to it, that Big Green and Big Gold can continue to operate. That means taking in over a million dollars in total proceeds as the Committee heard, but according to the article I handed out to you yesterday or a few days ago, they wind up with \$66,000 in net proceeds to distribute. The clincher or the zinger in this entire dispute is over the meaning of the word "proceeds". Does it mean net or does it mean gross? If it means net, what does net mean? According to Big Gold and Big Green's calculations, net means out of one million dollars spending over \$900,000 of the one million dollars on expenses. The salaries alone came to more than what the net proceeds wound up being. The salaries came to \$197,000. There is not that much left in net proceeds. The advertising contract or agreement was to cost \$100,000 which is more than the \$66,000 left in net proceeds. If you adopt my amendment, it will say that the gross proceeds of a lottery must be used for charitable community betterment purposes or the granting of prizes. There is no other proper use of a lottery in a society. Big Green and Big Gold, I say again, were gambling, pure and simple, and they raked more off the top with this lottery than they do at the horse track, than they do in Las Vegas, than they do in any gambling operation that I know of. When less than 10% remains, then something is drastically wrong. That is a tremendous shrinkage and it is not justified. My motion, therefore, is to ask you to adopt...where is Senator Dickinson. I hear him but I can't see him. Senator Dickinson, my motion is to ask you to adopt LB 901 as an amendment to 464 and it would say on lotteries that the gross proceeds must go for community betterment, charitable purposes or the granting of prizes and it would abolish the operations like Big Green and Big Gold.