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lations it wants to go.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, but let's get back to bingo.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Would it be possible for this local subdivision of government to discriminately pick who they want to conduct a bingo or conduct or to sell pickles?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, how are they kept from being discriminate?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The amendment specifically says you can't discriminate on that basis. Let me tell you why it is such a tough issue. It is a tough issue because bingo we have always regulated as one kind of an entity and pickle cards we all know what that is but frankly there are other gambling activities that are occurring not under the rubric of bingo or pickle cards but are simply lotteries, okay?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And they are occurring outside of the metropolitan areas as well.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, and they are perfectly lawful today but to go back and protect the bingos and the pickle cards you've got to make a lot of that illegal and so it becomes illegal in the metropolitan areas.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. Now does this mean that the non-profit organizations who are presently conducting bingo will be able to continue conducting bingo under the present standards or will they have to pass some kind of approval of the local subdivision of government?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No, they will be able to play bingo under the present standards, no change of that at all, none.

SENATOR PIRSCH: As long as they conform to the....

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: As long as they conform to the standards.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. I guess I don't see....just the lottery then is going to be affected by the local subdivision of government?