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local governments at this particular time have established a lottery and so I realize it will probably be a little harder to get this amendment passed. I believe that I favor a state lottery, a state operated lottery over a local lottery, because I feel that we would have better control. We would have the control of this over the present Bingo and Pickle Card Commission that we now have and I think that we can handle it a little better.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp is next but before he...as we are waiting for him to return to his desk I would like to introduce some guests in the North balcony. As guests of Senator Shirley Marsh we have 80 fourth graders from Zeman Grade School in Lincoln and their teachers with them are Mr. Bob Larson, Mrs. Durst, Mrs. Stryke (phonetic) and Mrs. Soukup and also have three parents with them. Would you please welcome them to the Legislature. Senator Morehead, did you wish to speak to the amendment?"

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank Senator Labeledz and Senator Hefner for making some very vivid points in this connection. I would like to tell you that in proposing this amendment that there is historical perspective for this. I certainly appreciate Senator Chambers' interpretation and I think that he has some points that are very, very valid and could, in fact, challenge an Attorney General's Opinion. I want to tell you that on December 7, 1983, there is an Attorney General's Opinion, #162. You will find it on page 110 and 111 of your Journal if you would care to look at it and on page 111, the third paragraph down it says, "The Constitution requires that bingo games be conducted by nonprofit organizations which have been in existence for a period of five years immediately preceding the application for a license." So according to the Attorney General's Opinion which is Senator Chambers' favorite friend, he is saying that, in fact, this is an opposite opinion. Now that could be challenged, right, but at this point our local fraternal organizations are operating under the premise of this opinion. They also have operated under the same premise of that opinion by the Revenue Department when the Revenue Department was overseeing this. So I would say to you that there is historical perspective that would insist or at least tend to imply the need for this amendment in the Constitution.

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