

organizations under licensing laws related to those that have been in existence five years or longer. This Constitution, the way I read it, is silent when it talks about regulation of those operations in existence fewer than five years. Sometimes if you are arguing a point of logic you can say that whatever a statement does not exclude it includes. So if you say all animals...well I don't want to give an example because it would confuse what I am trying to say because this provision is not based on logic. It is a creation by a legal process and, therefore, whatever it says has to be taken the way it says it. So what I would ask Senator Labeledz to do or Senator Morehead or anybody else who in good faith wants these operations to continue I would like them to show me in this provision of the Constitution where it says that an organization in existence fewer than five years is prohibited from operating a bingo game. Maybe it says it and I haven't read it but I want it clear at least what it is that I am saying and the position that I am espousing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I understand that there is a Reference Committee now in Room 2102. Senator Higgins. Okay. Senator Morehead, did you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do think that Senator Chambers has some valid points. It is too bad that some of our local organizations have not retained him to represent them in a challenge of the Attorney General's Opinion. However, they were not privy to the type of very keen observation that he is able to analyze our Constitution. Since they are operating under the premise of the Attorney General's Opinion which I just pointed out to you, since they have been operating under the interpretation by the Department of Revenue and they have, in fact, been shut down because they were not in existence for five years, I am going to ask that you do adopt, and I would ask 24 others of you to join me in an affirmative vote, that you do adopt this amendment because it is in our Constitution now and then if we need an opinion and we need a further opinion from the Attorney General's Department we can ask for it at that time. But as it stands now the opinion from the Attorney General's Department, the rulings which have come from the Department of Revenue would, in fact, interpret it different than Senator Chambers does and we have been