

there and it was easier for them to ask for an outright donation. We have Creighton Prep that appeared at the committee hearing stating that they have their Creighton Bash what also helps to keep the school going. And the Madonna School for the Retarded for many, many years has raffled off a car. Sometimes a car is donated. Sometimes they buy it and they buy it at factory price, but they...(microphone off)...shut off. Is my time up, you shut me off.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I am back on. So these are just some of the things and the problems that we are having and LB 486 is part of the interim study that we had last...that the committee had last summer and they did put this provision in LB 266, but it is imperative that this be all alone, itself on its own merit, in a separate bill because I am going to need 33 votes for an emergency clause. And many of the organizations are now waiting hopefully that we will get enough votes to put this in immediately upon the Governor's signature so they can have their tickets printed. Many of them are holding their festivals early in May and June. Now, mind you, LB 266 had this same provision but they didn't have the two percent tax in there. My bill does have the two percent tax. It also has the \$10 fee now for a permit from the Department of Revenue to hold a raffle. So the State of Nebraska will derive some revenue from the raffle. The only thing we are asking is that they be allowed, each and every one of us that have bought tickets at the door, at our church or organization when we buy a dollar ticket we are not expecting 65 percent back. We know that we are donating a dollar to the organization. The only time that we are surprised is when we win, of course. But we certainly don't look at what is printed on the ticket to make sure that we are getting 65 percent of that dollar back. I know that we all consider that a donation to the organization and I urge the members of this Legislature to advance LB 486 as amended by the committee to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I support the bill as amended. The Miscellaneous Subjects Committee did do an interim study on this and we found flaws in the law that we passed last year and this was when an