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LB 164

amendments?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR JOHNSON: All right. LB 164 is a measure that makes some changes in our existing bingo law. This bill did come out of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee with no opposing votes. The committee amendments are threefold and they are found, of course, in your bill book. Let me describe the committee amendments. The first two amendments do two separate things and that is LB 164 allows only two bingo occasions to be conducted per week at any building or structure and provides for some exceptions to that rule. The committee amendment would allow three bingo occasions to be conducted per week at any building or structure. In addition the committee amendment would allow any person who provides custodial services at a bingo establishment to be compensated for those services. Those are the first two sections of the committee amendments and the third section of the committee amendments would place the emergency clause on LB 164. Now I, personally, do not support the first two committee amendments and so I will not speak to their advantage but that is what the committee amendments do.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 164.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I would not move that they be adopted simply because I happen to oppose the committee amendments. I have a motion on the desk to amend the committee amendments, Mr. Speaker, but I will at least tell you what the committee amendments are.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, do you wish to speak on behalf of the committee amendments?

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. Chairman, I will move for adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion...do you wish to speak?

SENATOR SIMON: Let me just speak very briefly in regards to the three times. It was felt by the members of the committee, the basic concern of LB 164 was the fact that the bingoramas, those type of organizations, were running the small, locally run, the church bingo games out of business and they were closing them down because they just didn't have enough people to attract to them. That is where the discussion of the number of times per week gets involved.