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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Keyes had amendments printed on page 946 of the Journal but I understand he wishes to withdraw those and substitute the following amendment: Read Keyes amendment found on page 1031, Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: First of all, do you want to withdraw the other amendments?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, I move for unanimous consent to withdraw the first set of amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: That is on page 977, Mr. Clerk. 946. Any objection? So ordered. Now, Senator Keyes, you are recognized to speak on your amendment.

SENATOR KEYES: I move for the adoption of the new amendment that I have got up there. It simply states that bringing a prize from a thousand dollars, not to exceed a thousand dollars per game, bringing that down to five hundred and bringing the total aggregate for one occasion from three thousand five hundred dollars down to one thousand five hundred dollars. It seems to me that if we are going to protect these little bingo games like I have in Springfield. We have two in Gretna. We have one in Papillion. We have some from the Croation Church in Omaha. We have a lot of organizations that do not get a crowd to justify these amounts of money being paid out as prizes. So if we can bring it down so that they can all be competitive instead of allowing the large bingo games to monopolize the bingo trade in Omaha and the bingo trade in Springfield or Gretna, I would say that that probably would be one of the best things that we could do. Now so that we and the people on the floor of this Legislature understand, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question. Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, do you yield to a question from Senator Keyes?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, I do.

SENATOR KEYES: We have a bingo game that is being conducted tonight in Omaha and the total take is \$2,000. The law says that they must put \$1,000 of that out as prizes, is that right? Okay, now they have a \$1,500 pot from the occasion and the occasion says they have got to pay out a \$1,000 but somebody draws the right number and draws out \$1,500 and now also during the night they pay out the \$1,000 that they should pay out of it. Where do they