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were to adopt the Landis amendment, what it would result in very simply is a parade of the professional halls to our city councils and our county boards saying let us continue to do business as we have in the past, and our city councils and city boards may or may not allow them to do that. I cannot judge that but the purpose of LB 164 is to take the profitability out of a privateer's pocket and given that fact it is important, in my opinion, that we do reject the Landis amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator, we are ready to vote on the Landis amendment. Senator Landis, do you have any other comments before we close?

SENATOR LANDIS: I just want to make a brief statment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to talk to the Landis amendment? I have got two sets of lights on here and it is confusing to try to determine which are which. Senator Simon, do you wish to speak to the Landis amendment? Is there anybody else who wishes to speak to the Landis amendment? One, two, three.

SENATOR SIMON: First I have a question, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, you want to speak to the Landis amendment?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, and I might ask the Chair first, what time does the one hour end?

SPEAKER MARVEL: The one hour ends about five minutes from now. The Chair is going to attempt to try to encourage the Legislature to say what you have to say and then close the issue so that we can get a vote on this but I recognize you to speak on the Landis amendment.

SENATOR SIMON: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I rise to support the Landis amendment. I think Senator Johnson, and I am a little surprised for an attorney, as what he calls a relationship in terms of the problem as he sees it, in dealing with the large business that he wants to eliminate which I think he can dry up as LB 164 is written, eliminating the prize money, that is going to do it. That is the big argument and that is the big reason why the people go to those places. The local area where people go to play bingo for relaxation, for fun, the places in Senator Venditte's District and Senator Labeledz' district in particular, where people go and it is a way of life and they enjoy that, by having it be two times or three times