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not going to go and abuse and they are not going to be wanting to put themselves out on a line for this kind, you know, with this kind of an amendment and they are not going to go against the intent of the bill and so forth, and if they do, there must be a good reason for it. I will tell you what. You know we talk about local control all day long and I think this is one of those amendments that you will find in the end is not a problem, that it does provide some benefit. It allows people a little more flexibility and I think if local governments can't make those decisions certainly this Legislature can't. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Venditte and then I will recognize Senator Landis to close. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I think you are all well aware of the fact that the primary reason why this bill was introduced was because we were having problems in the City of Omaha and I think those particular concerns have been bore out rather well this morning. Yes, indeed, LB 164 will certainly help to alleviate many of the problems that we have experienced in the City of Omaha relative to nonprofit people and their bingo operation. Now the Landis amendment is not going to help the cause in the City of Omaha. I concur that the problem exists in outstate Nebraska but it doesn't exist in Omaha, Nebraska, Senator Landis, so what I have done, I have an amendment on this particular amendment of yours to exclude the cities of the metropolitan class, and under those circumstances, I would think that the members of the Omaha delegation could certainly support your amendment, of course, as amended with my amendment, Senator Landis, and I am not sure, Mr. Clerk, what would be appropriate at this time, to take my amendment to the Landis amendment. Okay, Mr. Speaker, yes, I agree. Maybe it would be best to take the Landis amendment. If it fails, then I suspect that my amendment to the Landis amendment would be (interruption).

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, why don't we try the Landis amendment then. Senator Landis, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker, and I will reserve for the wisdom of the body at large the merit of the Venditte amendment. I just want to go back to the idea that this does not create a loophole. This grants meaningful authority to local decision makers. Now that does not constitute a loophole. It does not constitute a parade of bad interests.