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simple reason that they never had enough restrictions and he never thought there was enough law into the bill. So we put it over on to the constitutional amendment. Then we let the Veterans of Foreign Wars and different veterans organizations, we put bingo on the ballot and the constitutional amendment won by a margin of over 63,000 votes and a year later the state's first bingo law went into effect and this is what it was and we made this thing here for nonprofit charitable organizations to raise money for community purposes. Over the years many individuals have found loopholes in the law and have benefited financially and this is what we need today and I think LB 164 will put this back into the hands of the nonprofit organizations so we can get these people here that's profit making organizations that are taking advantage of us and one of my good Senators, Senator Murphy, told me just awhile ago that he would like to see the bingo go back to the people, churches, nonprofit organizations and get off the street and I thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz, yours is the last light on, would you like to be recognized?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I know you have been kind enough to let us go a few minutes over the time so I am going to be very brief. I think probably the two biggest points in the bingo law are the allowing compensation for security service and not janitorial service and I have in front of me an ad in the Daily Nebraskan and I would like to read it to you. Where it says, Help Wanted, part time, evenings and weekends, good salary. Now the bingo law as it is now and has been has always been that there would be no salaries paid for any workers and I also have in front of me, when I was on the very fine committee of the Banking and Insurance, that was December 8th, we had a hearing on bingo and I would like to just read you a couple of statements. One of the people that was appearing there in favor, I mean in opposition of what we were trying to do, and this is the statement that we received. "Senator Labeledz: Are any of the outside of the rent that you charge, do you have any paid employees in the hall? The answer: Certainly, janitorial services and the security guards. Senator Labeledz: How about the floor people that are working? The answer: The floor people who work for me are my janitors who volunteer their services." So what we see here, these people, and I have seen ten to fifteen floor workers on the floor, and you can hire ten to fifteen janitors and then call them volunteers on the floor. There was also an ad here in Lincoln stating that they were going to pay good salaries and I object to both the janitorial services and