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difference among people who have Bingo games. Now one of the reasons for having two sessions during a week is because it easily fits into the scheme of things as far as churches are concerned and I understand that, and I understand how important Bingo is for supporting private parochial education, but you see churches, they own their basement, there is no overhead cost and they can easily afford just to have two games. But there are people out there that own their own halls, that own their own paternal homes and are paying on it and they are paying much more than that in this day and age. They are paying for the heat on it that sometimes is beyond their payments, and they just can't operate very well on just two evenings a week and then think of catering to the elderly and Bingo, as you know, is located in one geographic area largely in Omaha, if you look at its concentration. A lot of Bingo halls have quit and they have had their licenses combined and they are operated by private management, and that means that people used to go to neighborhood Bingo halls, and a lot of them won't go to a church of a different faith necessarily or the basement of another church, they just can't travel that far any longer, and if they do, they feel that they put themselves in jeopardy. That is all I wanted to say about the subject. It is easy for the Eagles or some of the other organizations, the Vets Clubs and so forth that have their buildings paid for, but those that don't are really suffering, but most of all it is those who find it difficult to get around at night. There is no incentive for a hall that is limited to two evenings that is making its bread and butter during those evening sessions to grant any license to those that are older. Enough said. Thank you for listening.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is the adoption of the Witala amendment. Those in support vote yes. Those opposed vote no. Have you all voted?

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting no.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion failed. We are back on the bill. Who would want to close? Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Again I say in the interest of time, no closing. I move for the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Fenger, did you want to make a statement?