

\$7,000. At the General File debate I had offered an amendment that moved that to \$10,000 and \$5,000. On Select File Senator Johnson was...while I was in the rest room, was capable of securing that and bringing that back down to an 8 and 4 level. What I am proposing to do is to bring 408 back to Select File, and to change the...to amend the language where I would be striking 4 and inserting 5, and striking 8 and inserting 10, putting it back up to what you had so graciously agreed to on the General File debate and was amended back down during my absence on Select. So I would appreciate it if the body would see fit to bring it back to Select and attach this amendment. There are...the specific language to that amendment is being...will be passed out in just a second.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, this amendment that Senator Conway is offering is not a real big deal. Probably doesn't affect very many people, but I'm going to oppose it. What has happened is very simple. Senator Conway is from a legislative district that is right on the Iowa border. There is a major bingo operation conducted under the auspices of the Winnebago tribe of Indians in Sloan, Iowa, known as "Winnebingo". "Winnebingo" has very large jackpots. Because it has very large jackpots some of the voluntary organizations in Senator Conway's district think that we should simply raise our jackpot limits substantially so that his bingos can effectively compete with "Winnebingo". Well, LB 408 does make some upward adjustment in the jackpot allowances, but it doesn't go nearly as far as Senator Conway would have it go. The reason why is that there are other bingos scattered throughout Nebraska that have decided, over the years, that a lower jackpot amount tends to preserve smaller bingo operations in the face of large-scale bingo operations. It has always been kind of one of those negotiating issues. Well, the current settlement figure is that the maximum amount I guess they can get paid out during any bingo occasion is \$8,000 and the maximum that could get paid out in a bingo game is \$4,000 or \$3,500. That seems to be a reasonable amount. I would not go as high as Senator Conway would go. Now Senator Conway is correct in that the amendment that was placed on 408 to set the jackpot limit was done when he was in the restroom. As you may remember, we had passed LB 404, we had passed the bill that provides for mandatory insurance coverage for