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LB 694

Robinson and Lynch who agreed to withdraw their amendments, because LB 694 is a measure that is needed for the continued regulation of bingo primarily, and to make some changes in the state lottery. I would thank them and urge your support for the amendment and your support for advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Robak wishes to announce that the following guests are visiting the Legislature this morning; 40 fourth and eighth graders from Humphrey Public Schools are here with their teachers. They're in the north balcony. And also in the north balcony are guests of Senator Jim Jones, 15 students from Mason City fourth and fifth grade in Mason City, Nebraska with their teacher. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Senator Cudaback has a guest here today as well, Robin Stauffer and Heather are here under the south balcony. Will you both stand and be recognized. Senator Hall, your light is next.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in support of the amendment as it's offered by Senator Schellpeper. It is a combination of a number of amendments, most of which were drawn and put together in this amendment. The provision that I put into the proposal is one that just merely allows for an individual who owns a building that is being rented for bingo purposes the ability to come in and, in an indirect way, be involved in that bingo operation. The department had concerns over the fact that they did not want someone who rented a space to also be able to garner some income by operating a bingo, that would not be possible under this amendment. What this does is allow those individuals, if they want to come in and basically check out their property, they would have that ability if they cared to volunteer to work with some of those organizations, and there are a few. I have one specific one in my district who does just that. He has no interest in any remuneration for his work there, he does want to keep track of his building and his property. I think the amendment that Senator Schellpeper allowed me to incorporate here is one that the department has no heartburn over, and I would urge the adoption of that portion, as well as the other components of Senator Schellpeper's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Robinson also has guests here this morning, and they are 30 students from West Point Central Catholic High School, with their teacher and hosts. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Thank