

WIDER BINGO IN CITY LOSES

House Committee Rejects Political Club Gaming

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Annapolis, Feb. 19—The Baltimore city delegation in the House decided today to let a bill that would legalize political bingo die in committee.

The measure, proposed by Delegate Frances Holub (D., Second), would have allowed political and civic clubs to join the religious, patriotic, educational and charitable organizations now permitted to conduct bingo games.

Cites Charitable Work

Mrs. Holub maintained that political clubs—such as the loyal Ladies Auxiliary of the Young Men's Bohemian Democratic Club, of which she is president—often do charitable work, and would like to be able to finance that work with bingo.

One delegate said, as the delegation discussed the bill today, that "mixing politics and gambling is dangerous," and "could lead to serious scandals."

Another pointed out the existing law permitted those organizations allowed to have bingo to use it for raising funds for "charitable purposes exclusively or in furtherance of the purposes of such organization or corporation."

If political clubs were let in under this condition they could raise funds for "furtherance of the purposes of such organization or corporation," and their purpose is politics, he said.

Many Affairs Noted

One delegate noted the proliferation of political clubs that sponsor fund-raising bull roasts, oyster roasts and other affairs during campaigns.

If political bingo were legalized, there would be still more such clubs, he said.

The delegation, sitting as a select committee on the local bill, voted sixteen to seven against a favorable report.