

Another famous movie cliché is that the hero is on the side of the law.

SB 1369 is not about charities vs. tribes; rather it is about casino-style gaming companies propping up and using charities to continue raking in outrageous profits in an unregulated industry.

The Bee has always served the public interests on gambling issues. Nonetheless, this time the Bee needs to look deeper into the story. The Tribes offered to give the charities in Sacramento an entire year worth of revenue from the machines, but the charities refused, why?

Some charities unfortunately have become puppets of slot machine operators who want to operate in urban areas of California. These small charities are apparently willing to break the law for pennies from corrupt machine manufacturers and parlor operators.

Unscrupulous parlor operators, under the pretense of charity bingo, have exploited charity gaming law developing a cottage industry exempt from the California Franchise Tax Board.

This bill will benefit charities all over the state, big and small through coalitions that can set up bingo games staffed by volunteers, directly benefiting the charities consistent with the will of the voters in the authorization of Bingo in June of 1976 through Proposition 9.