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partion having to do with races has been the state law and is still there.

SPEAKER: Senator Dickinson, do you care to respond? Still speaking on LB 178. Are you responding to Senator Whitney?

SENATOR DICKINSON: Perhaps I could add to Senator Simpson. I just got back in here, I'm sorry, but they are asking... the horse breeding industry, apparently, is important to any state. States are interested in any industry and this is an industry that brings tax monies, etc., and the things that are being put into this bill are asked for by breeders, I think, rather than the Racing Commission, itself, and they do have a little problem. Especially the small breeders competing with wealthy hobby breeders that come in from outside the state with what some people, at least, might consider better horses and they have a little problem getting their horses in a race and, after all, what fun is it to own a race horse if you can't see him race once in awhile. And this is what these people are trying to do and it seems in visiting with the few people in my area that are interested in this, it seems to be fair and what both the large and small breeders in Nebraska are willing to accept and favor this bill.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Kelly, then Senator Whitney.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Simpson, would you yield to a question, please?

SPEAKER: Senator Simpson, yield?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SPEAKER: Ok. Go ahead.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator, I'd like to know the background for the reason to tie up the corporation and the corporation ownership so tightly?

SENATOR SIMPSON: First of all, I think you have to look at the philosophy of horse racing and why we have it in Nebraska. It's to further the horse racing industry and in doing this, some of the specific things they do are...have races for Nebraska bred horses and then they also have a percentage of the purses which are given to breeders of Nebraska horses. Well then, I think if we are doing this specifically to help the industry in Nebraska, then we should make sure that the people within that industry collecting this are Nebraska people.

SENATOR KELLY: Look at the situation where, say, family corporations are very popular nowadays and this horse is in that family corporation and the older son moves to Kansas, is that horse no longer a Nebraska horse.

SENATOR SIMPSON: At the time the horse was registered if the corporation was completely of Nebraska people, then it would be designated as such a horse. If the family is a scattered corporation living in several states, then they would not be able to originally register that horse as a Nebraska bred.

SENATOR KELLY: Would it hurt this bill if we broadened that a little bit in that corporation ownership.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, it would hurt the bill because as in many other states where the horse raising is quite an industry the attempt to protect the people in their own states as to the extra prizes that, and that's monetary, that can be given and they want to restrict that simply to the people of their own state. This is just not a selfish act done in Nebraska. Many states have very comparable legislation.