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PRESIDENT: We go to General File. LB 519.

CLERK: Read title to LB 519. The Committee amendments have been rejected. There's an amendment by Senator Mills. The next motion pending is a motion by Senator Mills to return the bill for a hearing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I'll ask you to withdraw that at this time. I want to hear.... I was on the telephone, I'm sorry. I don't even know what we're talking about.

CLERK: You have a motion on LB 519 to return the bill to Committee for hearing.

SENATOR MILLS: I'll withdraw that motion.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? It's so ordered.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, the next motion pending on LB 519 is by Senator Rasmussen to indefinitely postpone the bill. There is, however Mr. President, an amendment offered by Senator Schmit....

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body. A few answers perhaps on why I put the kill motion up. Last Friday Senator Schmit brought in some remarks concerning the Broken Bow area. I distributed on your desks, this morning, what actually did happen out there. I would quote from this letter the amount needed for the physical plant improvement was raised locally through a long-range planning program. These improvements are what we're talking about and, of course, would be used by the County Fair Grounds.

I also hope that you have read the Committee report. I would again quote the "The entire cost of the construction to be repaid by diverting the states share of the tax on pari-mutuel betting similar to the provisions under which now facilities are being built at the State Fair Grounds. Certainly, the State Fair Grounds is a different category completely then what we're trying to do here".

Also it was indicated to the Committee that it would be many years before the facilities could be expected to be debt free under this financial arrangement.

I wonder if Senator Kelly would yield to a question.

SENATOR KELLY: Yes sir.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Senator Kelly, all the information that we have been receiving on our desks in the last few days has all stated 'we want to be like Grand Island'. I know you've mentioned 27 times this morning, maybe one more time wouldn't hurt.

I would ask you, one more time for the record, how did the facilities in Grand Island come about?