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of money in a feasibility study. They've also put some effort in lobbying for this particular financial relief. I think that they will go ahead and build this track whether this money is passed or not. Exactly how much financial relief Senator DeCamp stated and I think this is an important point, it's so important that I don't think we want to establish a precedent here. We're only talking about that portion of the pari-mutuel tax over a million dollars. So if the financial consequences are insignificant, as it has been suggested by the proponents, for these insignificant consequences I really hate to open up the door and start a whole proliferation of this tax revenue to the state to local subdivisions.

Nobody is against quarterhorse racing. Nobody is against quarterhorses. It's just a method by which these tracks are built. Nobody opposes the quarterhorse track in Broken Bow. Nobody is opposing this quarterhorse track. It's just diverting, they're just opposed to the method of diverting funds that would come into the state through the pari-mutuel tax to these local subdivisions.

I would urge you to kill the bill. If there is enough desire, if there is enough interest, have it brought up again next year through normal committee hearings. I want to make it perfectly clear that as far as the people involved with horse racing in Columbus they're, frankly, neither strongly for or oppose this bill. This is my own personal thoughts, I'm not echoing the statements of the Columbus race track. I really think Senator Kelly isn't echoing the statements of Fonner Park. I think most of these people would be indifferent as to whether the bill is passed or fails.

I again urge you to kill this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen. There are other lights, Senator Rasmussen. You're not closing.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body. Of course I would arise to support my own motion. I'm not surprised, I'm a little amazed, ... not even amazed at my good friend, Senator Schmit who, nine times out of ten I'm on his side.

I think, Mr. Chairman, one time you used the word "adroit" on this floor. It stuck with me for a long time back when I was greener than I am now.

I would like to say this though, it seems odd that this bill was so poor at one time that Senator Schmit, in his great guidance ... I don't know who guided him, he decided it was such a poor bill that he would gut it for his own personal needs. Now, all at once when he couldn't win that, here he comes on the big white quarterhorse to try and put something else through.

Now there are two things, as this discussion has gone on this morning, from Senator Frank Lewis, the champion of the teachers and any of us that are champions of anything... we have strayed way away from the concept of what we're arguing about. Somehow it's brought in whether we're against quarterhorses or for quarterhorses, this does not enter into it.