

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and Senator Kremer, and Senator Schmit, and some of the others who have been involved in the various aspects of bills, trying to control racing and regulate it. We know, and Senator Schmit told you, that Ak-Sar-Ben can bring terrible pressure to bear on people who stand up to Ak-Sar-Ben. This is Ak-Sar-Ben's bill. It is not the Racing Commissioners bill, Senator Savage. It is not the Thoroughbred Racers Association, it is Ak-Sar-Ben which controls both of those. When the messenger service was working at Fonner Park you didn't see the Racing Commission concerned at all. But Fonner Park is a race track. I read some place where over \$200,000 was taken out there. When did it become an issue and when did they bring it to Senator Savage? When Ak-Sar-Ben got interested and concerned about it. Then Ak-Sar-Ben pulled the strings on the Racing Commission, Ak-Sar-Ben pulled the strings on the Thoroughbred Racers Association, and here you are with a bill which violates the agreement made among members of this body, made among members of this body. I believe that when people give their word they ought to keep it. I believe that there are individuals in this body who gave their word. This bill is more than just a measure related to a messenger service. It has to do with how much pressure a lobbying group can bring to bear and force senators to violate their agreement. We have seen Ak-Sar-Ben almost succeed. We have the opportunity, now, to reinstate the validity of a promise that was exchanged among, presumably, honorable people. We can restore honor and integrity. Ak-Sar-Ben will still have their opportunity to try to ram this bill through the Legislature, and they probably will succeed next session. But since it cannot effect what is happening this racing season anyway, let the Legislature try to salvage a shred of dignity and self-respect by not running this bill through. You can have the best of both possible worlds. You can go crying and whimpering back to Ak-Sar-Ben and saying that you did the best that you could, but you couldn't get the bill through anyway. But to make it look good for you and to put you in a position to negotiate and bargain with people again, you agree to let the bill go back to the committee. So you can keep the promises that have been made, and you can explain to Ak-Sar-Ben why thus it had to be. I'm not in favor of the messenger services, but I'm not in favor of Ak-Sar-Ben, Fonner, or any of the other race tracks. We are dealing now, from where I stand, with how much validity do we attribute to the word which is solemnly given by various people in this body. I think it would be appropriate if, on the last day of the Legislature, we could take an action which would indicate that although it came about through stumbling, fumbling, hesitating and fear, we did do the thing which had been promised earlier to be done. I ask that you adopt this motion and return this bill to the committee where it should never have emerged from in the first place.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Please vote. We are still under Final Reading. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 24 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Now do you have another motion?

CLERK: Motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Alright.