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We thought it was a fair proposal. We thought it would keep the small tracks going, and when I talk about small tracks, I am talking about Columbus and Atokad. But I would like to ask Senator Morehead a question, if she will yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead, please.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Morehead, do you have any figures based on, say, last year's receipts for these tracks, how much would the State Fairground track get compared to their receipts last year?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Hefner, I probably would have to yield that question to Senator Schellpeper. He maybe would have those figures. I don't.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, Senator Schellpeper, do you have that?

PRESIDENT: Senator Schellpeper, will you respond?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, I do. According to last year's figures, there was \$547,000 in the small track fund. In 1987, Lincoln would receive approximately \$190,000, and Columbus and Atokad would each receive about \$180,000.

SENATOR HEFNER: And, Senator Schellpeper, how does that compare with the year before, then, or how does that compare with what Columbus and Atokad received last year?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, it would be just...instead of being split three ways, it would have been split just two ways.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, so that would have meant quite a little less money for Columbus and Atokad?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: About 80 to 90 thousand dollars each.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, okay, I think that is the information that we need, 80 to 90 thousand dollars less. How are these small tracks going to survive then. This is what I want to ask the body. I think this is a major change and I just don't think we should adopt it today. If this amendment is adopted, I certainly will withdraw my support for the bill.