

discussed by Mr. Pesek?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I am glad you asked that, Senator Schmit. I was concerned about that when I saw it, too. As you know, where we are right now in the budget process, we have not finalized anything, and I think it would be, I don't see any other members of the committee here, but I think it would be a fair representation of the committee's intent that it would be highly desirable to allocate more money in the areas of soil and water conservation in particular. As you well know, Senator Schmit, if...a lot of that ability to give will depend upon how much revenue we generate here on the floor and how much of it we give away in other forms. So, that statement is not accurate. The discussions on that are very much yet in a pending state.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Scofield. I would hope it is not accurate but I would have to say that I have very rarely seen these numbers grow from this stage in the legislative process. Usually they shrink, and, when you begin with \$150,000 and shrink it, there isn't much left. I am doubly embarrassed when I read the front page which is obviously the most important story. It is in the upper right-hand corner of the World-Herald. It gets the premier position. It says, "The Horse Track Tax Break Moves To Home Stretch" galloping along about, I would guess, in the regular time for...I suppose that is about a six-furlong race because that is about all the discussion it has had. It really ought to have been about a two-mile race, at least, so that we would have had a little more alibi on the floor as to why we can afford to give a \$7 million tax break, with last year and this year, over a period of three years, which amounts to a \$21 million tax break to an industry, admittedly an important one, I do not deny that, it is an important one, but it is basically in support of the gambling industry. Now you can talk all you want to, ladies and gentlemen, about it being an agricultural pursuit. The breeding of thoroughbreds is just about as much agriculture as speeches on this floor are statesmanlike. Most of them are not. You can continue on with this if you like and fall back to LB 773 of several days ago. Only God knows how much of a tax break is included in that bill, but we are told that childlike we are supposed to accept it. We have 775 coming along one of these days and no one knows what those tax breaks will amount to. I can see the dilemma in which the Appropriations Committee is being placed. I wonder how many more on this floor can see it. You cannot pass nonrevenue bills day after day after day and then ignore the legitimate functions, as Senator Warner has told