

be honest with you, except for maybe the Catholic church.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Labeledz, I expect you to straighten this young man out the next time you get the microphone. But, Senator Hall, based on the relatively small amount that Ak-Sar-Ben has given to charity, that in itself could not be a basis for its being allowed to be untaxed, would it?

SENATOR HALL: No, no, it shouldn't be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But when most people think if Ak-Sar-Ben they think of it as a charitable operation, don't they? Oh, let me...let me not put the question that way. Is that the way people will have Ak-Sar-Ben portrayed and presented to them?

SENATOR HALL: I don't really think so. I think at one time that was probably the case. I don't think that is true anymore.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now if the scholarship fund that exists now is created from donations by corporations, then that little bit of charitable donation no longer comes from Ak-Sar-Ben?

SENATOR HALL: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And even before that they were giving a small amount?

SENATOR HALL: It wasn't a great percentage of their overall revenue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What do you see as a justification for the Legislature to continue to give Ak-Sar-Ben this type of consideration we're doing today?

SENATOR HALL: It...and I appreciate that question, Senator Chambers, and the opportunity to answer it because I, as you know, have a real problem, not with the horse-racing industry, because I like to go to the track. I go to the track probably three or four times a year and I thoroughly enjoy myself. I don't bet a lot of money but I like to watch the horses run. I don't have a problem with the track in Lincoln. I don't have a problem with the track in Grand Island and I don't have a problem with the track at Columbus or at Atokad. The problem lies at Ak-Sar-Ben and the problem isn't in the fact that it's a track because I think if you were to strip away the way...strip