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think this amendment needs to be adopted and it will help horse racing in Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, I too have a great interest in this bill. First place, I would hope that you would adopt the amendment and will speak to the bill later. Without this amendment, it does not give enough control. The concerns would not be addressed of the smaller tracks. It may be that it would help Ak-Sar-Ben, but I certainly cannot see that it would do any good for the tracks out in God's country. I learned to not say "outstate" last year. I know that veto power would be given to the tracks. There's some accountability. At this point in discussion on the bill, I do hope that you support this amendment and then we will address the bill at a different time and also I want you to know what it does. It does expand the gambling industry in the State of Nebraska. It does bring in one more form of gambling, but at this point I hope that you will support this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, I will support the Johnson amendment and I concur with what has been said here today. I believe that it is important that we not enact any legislation which helps one track at the expense of others. The bill I believe in the amendment form, which Senator Schellpeper has provided, does protect the outstate tracks and does allow for extra access to those facilities by those individuals who do enjoy racing, and so I support the Rod Johnson amendment and I support...I continue to support the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Johnson? Closing is waived. We'll now vote on the Johnson amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Are there further