

February 18, 1992 LB 1061

SENATOR ROBAK: Roll call vote.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We are still looking for Senator Warner, Senator Wesely, Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Robak, we're still waiting for Senator Warner. Do you wish us to proceed? Go ahead and proceed with a roll call vote on the Robak amendment to the committee amendments on LB 1061.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 874-85 of the Legislative Journal.) 16 ayes, 19 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. I will raise the call.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the committee amendments, Madam President.

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

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays, Madam President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Will, would you like to open on the bill itself?

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. LB 1061, as Senator Schellpeper explained, with the Standing Committee amendments basically becomes the composite horse racing bill of the session as advanced by the General Affairs Committee. I want to talk a little about the bill as originally introduced, which has a very specific purpose. This is the bill that allows Douglas County to enter into an arrangement with a private operator to operate the Ak-Sar-Ben race track. As you all know, Douglas County is in the process of purchasing Ak-Sar-Ben. And, as part of that, they, obviously, will have a race track that they need to run. And what Douglas County has indicated is that they would like some flexibility in hiring an operator to operate that race track. And, essentially, what this would allow is for Douglas County to hire an outside operator and to share part of the profit from racing with that operator as an incentive. Right now any entity that runs a race