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than if we do do it, which probably isn't going to cost as much. I think we are in a rock and a hard spot. That's why I supported it in committee. I think, frankly, Senator Von Minden is making an honest attempt to try to keep this very important agricultural organization alive in northeast Nebraska. I support that proposal. I was going to call the question but since Senator Cope is the last speaker, I don't think I need to do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, a question of Senator Von Minden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Yes.

SENATOR COPE: Senator Von Minden, do I understand then that if this bill passes that all the debts from last year will be picked up prior to the racing season?

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Well, Senator Cope, at least the debt to the State of Nebraska will be picked up to the tune of \$232,000, but I don't know what our local banks, whether they will extend credit if...we have to sell over \$500,000 worth of bonds. We want to sell 400 so I anticipate that they have things worked out with the local banks that we don't have to clear up that whole debt. But the one will to the State of Nebraska be cleared up.

SENATOR COPE: That will be cleared up prior to the racing season?

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Yes.

SENATOR COPE: And you really believe that this will make a successful track of Atokad in the years to come?

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Well, Senator Cope, if the people of northeast Nebraska want to buy bonds into it, apparently they must think it is going to be successful. They sold a lot of the bonds and they assured me that if we can pass this legislation that they can sell the bonds. That is all I can tell you.

SENATOR COPE: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President, I happen to be one of the