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to try and make sure before we spent money on new programs we took care of present programs, and that was I think a good policy. But this year almost more than any other year we realize the importance of revenue and the problem that we have when we provide for reduced revenues in certain areas. In the past we didn't care so much about those perhaps and we should have, and I always was concerned about the question about tax exemptions and revenue reduction bills and what have you, and so included in this rule is the fact that all bills that would reduce revenue and expend the taxes and would also be held so that we get the full picture of the effect on our budget. And so that is why this was included. In the past it wouldn't have been except for this rule change. So what I am saying is, look at the total picture, look at the impacts in a broad sense and I think it is all right to go ahead and suspend the rules and look at the issue at this time.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I will be brief. I support LB 631 and I support the motion to amend the rule so that 631 can move forward. We heard it in the Revenue Committee. It is a good bill. I have had an opportunity as a member of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee to look at this issue. I think that the one argument that has been made is that Atokad does have a problem and because of the considerable investment that community has made in that track and because of the fact that their days have been changed which has created some problems for that track and because they do provide an important service for some of the breeders and so forth who need to run horses that may not be in the quality of Aksarben and/or the Lincoln track or even the Grand Island track, I think that this proposal given at this point in time is a reasonable one. It, in fact, will cut revenues to the state but the compensating balance is that it increases revenues in the other two tracks. I wholeheartedly support the motion and I wholeheartedly support LB 631.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. Motion.... do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries, debate ceases. Senator Hefner, you may close on your motion.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members, I again urge