

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I guess I don't need to say anything more. We are always looking for state revenue and so on and for the tracks to be able to simulcast the Kentucky Derby is exciting and interesting and hopefully that the bill will move rapidly through and that we can take it up and the people did support this in their vote last year. And as Senator Schmit said, hopefully everything can be negotiated out and worked out in the next few days and I just move for the advancement or hope people support it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Elmer.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I support very strongly the fact that we need to advance this bill. As you know, the date, May 6, is the date that they are aiming for and we need to expedite the process and I would ask that it be expedited one more time as it goes to Final Reading. I'm asking that as a request right now. Secondly, I would tell you a little bit about the fact that LB 641, which is the controversial bill among the breeders, we did meet in committee yesterday and still have not reached an agreement on that yet, and I thank Senator Owen Elmer publicly for his work in trying to work with them. At this point, I would not be supportive, nor would I be on Final, of doing anything to attach anything to LB 591. I want to see it get through the process and I want to see it go on its own and then let's deal with 641 as a separate issue. The committee is still working on that. We're going to try to get it out, we're going to send it to the floor as a message and we hope that they're going to work on that during the interim and we would have a bill for them then next year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President, I just want to echo what Senator Schmit and Senator Smith had to say about LB 641. I think that the thoroughbred industry in Nebraska is at a state of schism and we need to be able to do something that will bring this group back together and I've been working as kind of a go-between between the two groups to try to reach an