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SENATOR HALL: The money to put that on does not come from the horse-racing dollars. It may have in the past but my understanding is that is money that is donated by corporations in the Omaha community to sponsor the ball, as it's called.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so your understanding is that the ball is sponsored strictly by money other than that...than what is derived from horse racing?

SENATOR HALL: That's my understanding.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When Ak-Sar-Ben was...oh, does Ak-Sar-Ben still give away scholarships?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, they do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I had read that they had...they were going to quit doing that.

SENATOR HALL: It is also my understanding that the corporations in the Omaha community have made a commitment for five years to continue the, not only the scholarship program, Senator Chambers, but the 4-H Program and the contributions that they have traditionally made to county fairs so that, although Ak-Sar-Ben itself will not pay it out of its proceeds from the track or from its memberships, that those programs will continue but they will be funded...and I think it's approximately...it's between 350 and \$500,000 annually, will be continued through contributions on behalf of the corporate community in Omaha.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hall, the amount you quoted, is that what the amount was before Ak-Sar-Ben itself discontinued it?

SENATOR HALL: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was that money, before they discontinued the program, partially coming from the track?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.