

Ak-Sar-Ben put out to underwrite or offset the increased cost of law enforcement caused directly by the horse-racing activity? They always want the state and the people to give them something. I had said when the Legislature gave Ak-Sar-Ben tax breaks that eventually Ak-Sar-Ben is going to want the state to underwrite and subsidize them directly and we're getting closer and closer to it. They're going to squeeze the bettors who may be foolish to participate in that kind of activity but nevertheless the Legislature should not legalize a greater amount of thievery than occurs right now through the method by which Ak-Sar-Ben and any other track can skim money off the top of the pot. It should not be done. Ak-Sar-Ben, as a race operation, is a dying industry in Nebraska. They're coming back for another tube from the life support system. They're always taking and taking and taking and never give anything back.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want to ask Senator Hall one more question. Senator Hall...

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is Ak-Sar-Ben a part of Omaha? Have they been annexed? Because some of those things slipped by me.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers, I can't answer that question. I don't know. They are within the city limits of Omaha. Their property, for purposes of taxation, is considered agricultural property and it is tax exempt.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then they're not paying any property tax?

SENATOR HALL: No, they're not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Ah-ha.

SENATOR HALL: The only...currently, during the three-year period that we're in right now after the '87 law was passed, the only tax I know that they're paying is a sales tax on concessions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Ah-ha.

SENATOR HALL: But again there is the 2 percent tax but it flows