

away the structure of Ak-Sar-Ben's hierarchy or the way that it's operated, you would not have the kind of feelings of animosity, I guess, toward Ak-Sar-Ben that are currently there because people don't complain about Lincoln, the Fairgrounds, they don't complain about Grand Island, but we complain about Ak-Sar-Ben and I think probably rightly so because their attitude has been one of...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...as you have pointed out, that we...what is good for Ak-Sar-Ben is good for the rest of the industry and in some cases that's probably true. But it irks me to no end that they, in many cases, in the not so distant past have thumbed their nose at us and I don't think they do enough in some of these areas. I think the administration they have in place now has started to change that mentality. But until you strip away some of the things that you talked about, the ball for the old croakers and the young foxes, till you start to get at some of those kinds of things and you start to open it up to the blue collars and the no collars, you're going to continue to have a group of people...and a lot of the people that I represent and that go to the track and push some money through the window feel like they're not really a part of what Ak-Sar-Ben is all about.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HALL: Can we now go into your close?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, on your closing time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: And they have a real problem and I think they're justified in that position. It is not easy for me to carry this bill. It's much more easy to carry it based on the first two committee amendments that were adopted but there is still that feeling out there amongst the people who play at the track, who push the money through the window that, you know, it's run by corporate Omaha and we don't have a say in what goes on. They can shut down the shows and we don't have anything to say about it because they weren't making any money on it so they determined that it was just a business enterprise and we shouldn't continue to offer this anymore. There are a number of things about Ak-Sar-Ben that I don't like and it stems from the