

to go pretty much very strong. Just a couple things I would like to put into the record, several have been said before but Ak-Sar-Ben pays no real estate or other taxes, thereby avoiding millions of dollars in revenue for Omaha and Douglas County. There was mention of a sales tax which I don't think they even pay because of the...on the concessions because it's handled by somebody else so they really don't pay anything there. I think the state needs to limit subsidizing the special interests at the expense of the private citizen and I think this is what's happening. I think Ak-Sar-Ben and other groups should become efficient and pay their fair share of taxes. Three years ago I did support Ak-Sar-Ben on the floor for a tax break and they said it emphatically three years, give us three years we'll...we'll have everything in order. Three years has come and passed and now they're back again. I wonder what they're going to be in another year or two. Are they going to be back begging or are they going to be closing the gates or what? It will be interesting to know. But I did, I did support them at that time. In my area right now there's a lot of people that belong to Ak-Sar-Ben. I haven't talked to one that has told me since this came up that I should support this tax break. They said three years is enough and several of them had told me that even a lot of people in Omaha that they know of are not very supportive of Ak-Sar-Ben, the way they have handled their things financially and the racing industry down there, that they know of people down there that's not very supportive of Ak-Sar-Ben right now. As you many of you probably know, we used to have races in Madison. I know some horsemen up in our area have been turned away from Ak-Sar-Ben in the past three years, until this very season when they're about ready to race in Ak-Sar-Ben when they've got some very fancy stationary saying, please come back to Ak-Sar-Ben, come back. What break are we giving the people out there that we're not giving a lot of the farmers or anybody any tax breaks but, by golly, we can do it for the big one, Ak-Sar-Ben. Boy, we can give them a tax break but, boy, the farmers or businessmen and stuff like that we're saying no. I think the more gambling that comes aboard, which I see happening, it's going to hurt Ak-Sar-Ben more. I can never figure out why Ak-Sar-Ben didn't fight to keep a lot of this gambling from happening, the pickles and everything, but they seem to let it go. And I think one thing you're going to see that I'm hearing from other states is regards to gambling issues where they went extensively to so many lotteries and horse racing and everything that they're finding...and I think you will probably start seeing in here, it will be interesting to