

see some of these towns, little towns that have picked up on the keno and the lottery about the church receipts are going down and I...it's come very strong from a couple states, in particular, California, where I have some relatives. So it will be interesting to see in that respect. And it's interesting to, like Senator Chambers said, churches advocate gambling which is wrong, in my estimation, but...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: ...so I know this isn't a greased horse, it's going fast to the finish line, probably already passed almost but let Ak-Sar-Ben stand...let Ak-Sar-Ben stand on its own two feet and get its own house in order, it hasn't. It should be run like a business and not an institution protected by the government. People think gambling is...some people are getting the attitude that gambling is the salvation of all things and I think it's the ruination of a lot of things. I thank you for the time and I will be opposing the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, it seems like everyone refers to LB 1055 as the Ak-Sar-Ben bill. This is not only the Ak-Sar-Ben bill, this is for the entire racing industry. The small tracks gain probably more than what Ak-Sar-Ben does because with...if Ak-Sar-Ben goes down, the rest of them will go down. It's an industry, it has to operate as an industry for the whole state. We can't just have one track in Nebraska, we need them all. Ak-Sar-Ben happens to be the largest one. It's very important to everyone of them. I think Senator Peterson is probably right about the shows at Ak-Sar-Ben. We're not talking about shows. We're talking about the racing industry here. We need to do more things to help an industry that's going down. Senator Lindsay always says that he will do anything to help agriculture. This will help agriculture in a round about way because Senator Johnson mentioned about the oats and the hay and everything else. So these amendments should be approved as they were presented. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson, please, followed by Senator Chambers.