

know...I'm not saying it's not gambling that goes on there but there is a heck of a lot more goes on than just racing at Fonner Park and I'm sure the same...I know the same is at...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...the state fair. Another thing is we talk about this as an Ak-Sar-Ben bill. The simulcasting is about one-third of the revenue in Fonner Park and that simulcasting does help the small tracks. And if we don't have Ak-Sar-Ben, it won't be very long that we will not have the other tracks. It would be impossible for them to draw horses in and, as I said again, it is a lot to the agriculture economy, the racing industry. Another thing is the very fine entertainment that is brought to Fonner Park, \$10 a carload, and this draws people from Kansas to the South Dakota borders. So there is a lot more to it than simply giving up gambling or a little bit of revenue. It is well supported in my area. I don't know of anyone that speaks negatively of Fonner Park and I know the management and they...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR NELSON: ...try.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Nelson a question. Senator Nelson, how many foals did you say were...

SENATOR NELSON: Thirteen hundred.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are they registered and do they vote?

SENATOR NELSON: Well, they're probably registered and they have names like Senator Nelson Chamber and Beauty Queens and all such and forth and I'm not so sure that they vote. But it sure helps buy the straw from the farmers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and probably if they voted, they would vote as intelligently as some of the votes that are going to be cast on this floor. This is a soak-the-suckers bill with the suckers being the bettors, being the public. That's what the purpose of the bill is for, to rob them even more. There is