

no nicer way to say it, no more truthful way to say it. I just regret that such a good man and a good person as Senator Hall has to soil his hands and his reputation by being associated with such a nefarious piece of legislation, but there are other interests that he had in mind than Ak-Sar-Ben. But a part of the price of trying to achieve the goal he had in mind for those other interests, a part of the price was to deliver his soul to Mephistopheles. That's what he had to do. But, to be honest, Deacon Dan Lynch is gone, Tim may not believe in these things anymore than I do, but the fact of the matter on this bill is this, Ak-Sar-Ben comes year after year after year. Ak-Sar-Ben represents a very small elite group of people. In order to benefit and give Ak-Sar-Ben what they want, it's necessary to harm thousands of other people year after year after year. Ak-Sar-Ben is never going to be satisfied and I cannot blame them nor can I blame their lobbyist when you have a group of suckers bump their head. The Legislature is as big a group of suckers for Ak-Sar-Ben as the bettors except that the suckers in the Legislature can be intimidated and coerced. That's what's happening here. These little tracks that Senator Nelson mentions in all seriousness and sincerity; Columbus, and these others, as Senator Schellpeper talks about; Senator Rod Johnson straining to try to make this a bill to benefit agriculture just indicates how uncomfortable people are with what we're really doing and has to be called by anything other than what it really is. This bill, if it passes, is not going to benefit agriculture. And if Senator Schellpeper knows so little about agriculture as to think that the oats and hay that those horses eat are going to turn around the agricultural economy in Nebraska, if Senator Hannibal who revealed his acuity earlier would join hands with Senator Schellpeper who just revealed his, they would both fall into the ditch. And that's what has to be said to justify voting for an atrocity such as this. Whatever Ak-Sar-Ben wants, Ak-Sar-Ben is going to get out of this Legislature. And, if they want to on Select File, I'm going to go on and tell them what I wish that they wouldn't pay attention to, they can get this Legislature to do with...do away with all taxes and they can get 50 percent off the top. That's what they can get out of this Legislature, no taxes at all no matter how big their handle is. They don't have anything to fear from this Legislature. What they think is that there might be some point at which the Legislature would draw the line and say, enough is enough, the degradation, the humiliation, the badgering, the being beaten down,...