

the right way to do it. I think if you have so many dollars in what we consider Omaha, all those dollars from keno or 2 percent should go into helping the race tracks. The race tracks this year are down about another 10 percent from what they were last year. I think that's just a trend that's happening across the whole country. Horse racing is just going down and down and down because there is so many forms of gambling out there, there's only so many dollars and so horse racing is just starting to suffer. And as Senator Schmit has said, that you're hurting agriculture really by hurting horse racing because that is kind of agriculture because you're using the horses, so I would oppose this amendment because I think if you're going to consider the dollars, you have to consider the dollars from the whole city or the whole area, the whole county, not just one part of it. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Pirsch, did you wish to speak to the Abboud amendment? Apparently not. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, Senator Schellpeper basically covered my points of concern with this amendment. I understand the direction in which Senator Abboud is coming from in his situation with Ralston, but it would make it very ambiguous I guess if we allow this to take place, so I would urge the body to reject the Abboud amendment and adopt my amendment, 1708.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members, I would just like to have Senator Abboud explain. Maybe he can close too. I don't know where you're at, but I'm not exactly clear what you are proposing. Maybe others are, but I'm not.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. I'll respond, Mr. President. If there's a race track in a city, let's take the example of Omaha, race track is in the city. The city also has a keno operation. Then that keno operation should subsidize the race track and that's what my amendment does. The Johnson amendment provides that if there's a keno operation within the county, any keno operation within the county should help to subsidize the race track. My amendment, instead of saying any keno operation within the county, 2 percent of the gross goes to the race track. Mine says that if there's a city, a race track and a keno operation within the city, then the keno operation should subsidize the