

thoroughbred breeders in Nebraska".

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I'm going to oppose this amendment because I guess if you look at what's happening right now and where you have the veto power, you're trying to ask for another group of the same people. The same people that are members of the owners and trainers are also breeders. It's just another loophole to go through to have something approved. I don't think it's all that bad, but I think it's just another loophole. Next we'll have the jockeys coming in wanting to approve whether we can do these different things and things like that, so I guess rather than to try to open it up any farther than what it is right now with the amount of people that have to approve before you can have any telephone wagering, I'd just as soon keep it where it is right now. So at the present time, I'm going to oppose the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President. Would Senator Johnson respond to a question, please?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I will try.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Johnson, how extensive is the overlap between the two groups, between the breeders and the horsemen?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, I couldn't tell you specifically a percentage amount, but most of... I think most of the Nebraska breeders all reside here in Nebraska. Owners and trainers can come from other states. Obviously, they would have an equal... well, in fact, under the way the bill is written now without this amendment, there are those owners and trainers who don't reside in Nebraska that will have a veto power say on this telephonic program, whereas Nebraska breeders who raise horses here in Nebraska will have... well, may have a say if they're a part of that association, but not all Nebraska breeders belong to the Nebraska Benevolent Horsemen's Association.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you. I guess I'm not sure if I'm going to oppose this amendment at this point or not. I guess I do share some of the same concerns that Senator Schellpeper expressed and