

would urge your support. Thank you.

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

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, you know, there are some times when technology may increase jobs. Most the time it decreases jobs. The more technical equipment and technology that we get, along goes the jobs. I see this very same bill as doing the very same thing. It does not bring the people to the communities. It does not bring people to the motels, the hotels. It simply doesn't. It lessens the attendance at the tracks and I certainly agree that anything...that the racing industry is in deep, deep trouble right now. If this bill may not be so bad for the Omaha area, the Ak-Sar-Ben area, but it certainly does nothing for outstate and we have to somewhat I think protect or help those tracks and I don't think that we want to do anything that would deviate or make them in a less position than what they are right now. The fact that this is not a simulcasting bill and I want you to realize that. With that, as I say, the advancement of technology in this particular case does nothing more than to reduce the attendance at the tracks and I want you to remember there's some controls put in but there are not a lot and, again, the bill is constitutional suspect. I don't think it's wise for us to say go along our merry way and say it doesn't make any difference, we'll just pass it anyhow. With that, I would hope that you would reject LB 718.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I thank you, Madam President. Did some checking on the questions that were raised by Senator Robinson and it's generally agreed that the city, of course, has certain police powers and through zoning could regulate whether or not a facility for telewagering could be located within their facility. So if Blair did not want such a facility, they could, of course, prohibit that through zoning and then, of course, if the county did not want it they could take similar action and keep such a facility from being operated within the county. I think that solves the problem, Senator Robinson, of local control. Certainly we do not want to do anything that would entice or further allow degradation of the morals of the people of any one community if they felt that they couldn't resist the lure of telemarketing relative to racing. I do want to say this; that when racing started in Nebraska more than 50 years