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LB 718 is one more mechanism whereby the tracks can survive and become more healthy and become a very active competitor in the area of gaming in the State of Nebraska and I would ask your support.

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

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I agree with Senator Robinson. I think there needs to be some type of a local veto power and if this bill does pass I will have an amendment for Select File that will give a local community that veto power because otherwise you could have a bar that could say, I want to have it in my bar and I think it's not right to do something like that. Think the bill also has a lot of problem and the Attorney General says it's unconstitutional. I hate to pass a bill that's unconstitutional, but in order to challenge it in our court system we have to have the bill pass in order to have this challenge, so that's the only way we can get it challenged to see whether or not we can have this telephonic wagering in Nebraska. I don't know whether it's going to be constitutional or not, but, even though the Attorney General says that it isn't, there is still that possibility that it might be. So, with that, I'm going to support the bill at this time. Thank you.

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

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Could I ask Senator Schmit a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Schmit, my understanding of how the mechanics of this bill would work, an individual would set up an account with the race track. They would deposit a certain amount of money with the race track for their purposes. If they win, money would be put into that account. If they lose, money would be subtracted from that account. And this individual then might be the owner of a sports bar and maybe deposit 20,000 dollars to his account and then, within his sports bar, individuals then could come to him for the...and place their wagers of which he would have track of each individual attendees in the bar and would place their bets to his account. In all practicality, is that how that would work?