

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is not the intent of the bill. That would not be legal, Senator.

SENATOR ELMER: I see, but in all common sense in thinking about how this would actually work as far as the public is concerned, wouldn't that be logical to assume that's what would happen.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I don't think it would be logical, Senator, because the penalties that could be prescribed, and I think if you want me to I can take a look at the penalties, I think the penalties could be prescribed that would be a sufficient deterrent to that kind of activity.

SENATOR ELMER: I see. So what you really expect then here is an individual who does not wish to go to the track physically, would go to the trouble to set up an account and do it by telephone.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right, Senator. There are very few people who can physically attend racing every day, yet they might want to wager on a specific race or a specific horse. They might want to participate. They might be following a horse and most of us have to work today. It's impossible for most of us to be at the track and yet we might want to bet on "Old Ironside" somewhere and put two bucks on the nose. I don't think that's a serious impediment to the challenge of integrity of the track. I think it would be good for it and, certainly, why should I have to drive a hundred miles to place a two dollar bet on a fifteen hundred dollar claimer? I don't think that makes a lot of sense. I think it ought to be good, ought to be good for racing, it ought to be good for the telephone industry. That, in itself, ought to sell it on this floor I guess, but in any case I would hope that the Legislature would take the bill at its face. I'm always amazed at how many horribles can be conjured up about a bill which is really a very simple, straightforward bill.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay. Thank you, Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, I can recall, as I