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not suffer and be the one part of the industry to pay because the industry generally has been in trouble. By raising the admission price from 30 to 40 cents, I think we address the problems of the...that Senator Schellpeper and all have talked about as far as funding the Racing Commission, but at the same time, we allow the quarter horse racing to be able to proceed next year and to show if they could be viable in the State of Nebraska, and if we want to continue quarter horse racing in this state. Therefore, I strongly support Senator Johnson's amendment and ask you to also support it. Thank you.

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

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I rise to join Senator Schellpeper in opposing Senator Johnson's amendment. I want to indicate up front that it is not because I have anything against the quarter horse industry. I recognize that they have a history of racing in Nebraska and, certainly, if we could, it would be a good thing to do to encourage them as much as possible. But, frankly, because of the reasons that Senator Schellpeper said, I have to oppose this amendment. Essentially, when we are looking at the racing industry as a whole in Nebraska, we are looking at an industry that is under stress, that is under a great deal of duress, and I think we have to be careful not to continue to spread ourselves too thin. When the small track fund was created, it was a much different time for racing. It was a time when the larger tracks were doing quite well and it was a time when there were enough resources to be spread around and, frankly, the discussion has focused not so much on whether to continue the assistance to the quarter horse tracks but whether to continue the small track fund at all has been the discussions that we have had among ourselves in the General Affairs Committee, and in discussions with the industry. I just think it behooves us at this point to scale back a little, to recognize that we want to continue the small track fund at a reduced level, that we want to continue to assist those thoroughbred tracks that are out there that may need some help, but that probably, frankly, at this point, it is not a wise idea to continue to give money to quarter horse tracks that haven't even run over the last year. I would oppose the Rod Johnson amendment.

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

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I, too, I certainly appreciate