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think the three commissioners that are there at the present time are doing a good job, and by expanding to a five is not going to help anything. I think at the present time the three is adequate and that is all that we really need at this time. Thank you.

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

SENATOR WILL: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to join Senator Schellpeper again in opposing this amendment. As Senator Schellpeper explained, this is a bill that we did hear in the General Affairs Committee. It had little support in committee. It resides there as we speak, and I think that, frankly, we all have the desire from time to time to try to right a wrong by changing the structure of something, whether it is a city council, or a county board, or the Legislature, itself. I think sometimes that concern is warranted. I think in this case it probably is not. No compelling arguments were made to the General Affairs Committee that the expansion of the Racing Committee from three to five, the Racing Commission, that is, from three to five would result in any more fair decisions, would result in any more efficient operation, would result in a better Racing Commission. I think that the three-member commission we have now doesn't always function great, but I think it probably does a very adequate job, nothing to warrant expanding it by 67 percent. I would urge your rejection of this amendment.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, thank you. I will be brief. Senator Schellpeper answered most of my questions. I have one left for you, though, Senator Robak. Is the language...maybe two, is the language of the amendment that you are having drafted, is it the same as the bill, LB 929?

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes, it is.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And in the bill, I don't know if I understood Senator Schellpeper right, he said that as written the bill wouldn't allow anybody from Columbus...I mean, wouldn't necessarily mean that you could have a commissioner from Columbus, in fact, you could still have two from Grand Island, but does not the bill speak to that and say that no more than