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one member shall reside in any one county?

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes, Senator Schimek, that is correct, and the reason for that being that if we had the race commission appointed from each area where there is a racetrack, that would constitute special legislation, which would be unconstitutional. And, yes, they could be, two from Grand Island, and two from Omaha, and two from, wherever, Lincoln, or wherever they could be, but I believe that it would be a more fair distribution of commissioners and a more fair representation of the state. I think it is vital that we have more than two constituting a quorum, and, Senator Schellpeper,...and this is your time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yeah, I have another question.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But the bill does say that no more than one member from each county, is that correct? From any county?

SENATOR ROBAK: Um...yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So that would make it impossible to have more than two commissioners from Grand Island, for instance.

SENATOR ROBAK: Well, it could be from a county surrounding.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right. Okay, my last question, then, is how many racetracks are there in the Third Congressional District?

SENATOR ROBAK: There are two.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam Chairman and members of the body. I rise in support of Senator Robak's amendment. I agree with Senator Robak that the present commission functions well, made up of quality individuals, and has done a good job over the years. I think it has to be recognized also that, as the racing industry heads into tougher times, that it is beneficial to the industry and to the thoroughbred breed that we bring to the Racing Commission a broader background of experience, knowledge, and interest. I think it goes without saying, and I apologize I was