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where I come with supporting it. Not...I don't have a racetrack. It is not in my district or in Sarpy County, but I simply support the idea of more than three people on a commission. Thank you.

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

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I oppose this amendment. Basically, I think it was heard in committee, and with lack of support. I know how difficult it is for the Governor to make these appointments, and the appointment to the Racing Commission was not easy, nor was it simple. But Columbus had the same opportunity to be represented as Grand Island, Scottsbluff, or wherever it may be. I will guarantee you there was a tremendous amount of pressure put on appointment to the Racing Commission and some, I think, was maybe knowledgeable, some not knowledgeable, but that happens in every issue that we address. I look at this as special, again, representation. I know that one area may feel that they are not represented. I would hate to say that any one member of the Racing Commission was not doing his or her duty, and his duty in being fair and honest, and I don't think that five members would do any more or accomplish any more than the three members that we have now, and any less dissension, or maybe compromising. So I, too, will have to vote against this particular amendment. I don't think that it would help the Racing Commission to any great extent. These appointments are made somewhat...I think there has to be members from both political parties. It was an open, absolutely open appointment and, in fact, actually some of the...or one of the members that was appointed, I don't know how much was support between any community or groups, so I would have to oppose this amendment.

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

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Madam Chairman and members, if you will just look at this plan, right now we have a commissioner from each one of the districts. Now you are not going to have one from all of these other tracks anyway. The Columbus racetrack, at the hearing, did not support this bill because they could see that it is probably not needed. The Racing Commission, at this time, is having a very hard time. There is not enough funds in there. By increasing it to five is going to be additional funding. I think, at this time, when the