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having to come up with the difference, and it's not lost money, but it's not the money that was scheduled to come in from this industry, I guess I have a little problem with that. With that, I'd give the balance of my time to Senator Ashford.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Madam President and members, just very briefly, I would suggest to those who are bringing this amendment today that they withdraw it, and that they put it up again on Select File, after we have an opportunity to take a look at this. And the reasons for that, I think, are sound. One is it did not have a hearing. And, secondarily, I think those of us who told the Douglas County people that they would support the concept of a private owner, or private developer of the track did so under the, at least I did, under the understanding that there would not be any additional tax breaks requested. This is a new element. I don't know whether I can vote for it now, I don't think I understand it well enough to vote for it today. I want...I will vote for the underlying LB 1061 today. But this amendment does add an element to this mix that I was not aware of. There's a second point that I'd like to make, and that is this, I opposed the purchase of Ak-Sar-Ben by Douglas County. May I have a gavel, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: (Gavel.)

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President. For three years at least, at least last year I very strongly opposed...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...the purchase of Ak-Sar-Ben by Douglas County. And one of the things that bothers me about where we're at, and Senator Will is going to get me information on this and I appreciate that, is this point, when Ak-Sar-Ben talked about a private owner, or private developer of the track, or private user of the track, last year, we were talking about Ak-Sar-Ben doing it, Ak-Sar-Ben making a contract with a private entity to run the track. And I supported that concept. Senator Moore brought the bill to the Legislature, and I think it was a good idea. Now where are we? The county has bought the track, and I...and I, having done that, as a resident of Douglas County I think we have to do what we can do to make it work. But what's ha...