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SENATOR WILL: I wouldn't...my initial reaction would be that I wouldn't have any objection, Senator Elmer. The reason it's drafted the way it is, is clearly that there was only one race track in the state that was expressing a desire to enter into an arrangement of this type. And I thought that limiting the bill to that track probably was...got rid of needless source of controversy that might arise if some of the other tracks thought that they were being subjected to this. But if they would show that...if they'd come in and say that they wanted it, I wouldn't have any objection.

SENATOR ELMER: It still remains optional, if they were to go ahead and do this. It doesn't...it doesn't require that they have a different order or manager, does it?

SENATOR WILL: It certainly does not. And frankly, Senator Elmer, I was surprised that there were any tracks in opposing this. There have been tracks that have expressed opposition.

SENATOR ELMER: I see. I may contact some of the people in the racing business and see what their objections were to not including the other tracks, because it looks like if it's good for the largest track, it should be good for the rest of them, too.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Does anyone else wish to address this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Will?

SENATOR WILL: I would simply indicate that I think it would be a mistake to vote no based on the quarter horse issue. Obviously, Senator Johnson feels strongly about that, and I respect that. But this is, as I indicated in my opening on the bill, this is the composite horse racing bill of the session. I think that it needs to be advanced to Select File, we can do some more work on it at that point. But I think we've had a good debate, and I would hope that you would join me in voting to advance LB 1061. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. We will now vote on the motion to advance LB 1061. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to advance LB 1061? Please record, Mr. Clerk.