

up with an idea that will be so unique, it will be absolutely tailored specifically and precisely for the thoroughbred industry and the racing industry. And, obviously, it will be in the public interest that the thoroughbred breeding industry survive because Douglas County has invested in a race track and Douglas County doesn't want to run dogs on that race track, particularly not \$1,500, 1100-pound dogs that have got a jockey on their back. So in order to have good horses the argument will be they've got to somehow or other exempt thoroughbreds. And you know something else? It won't be too hard because I assume that if the track comes back, and I hope it does, I assume that those breeders who raise the expensive thoroughbreds will know how to use the political process, will know how to hire the lobbyists and draft the bill to get themselves exempted. I don't know what they will call it. I don't know how they will do it but I would assume it will get done. I would assume that it will then become a part of the inventory, it will become a special class and if you think that can't be done, read the constitutional amendment very, very carefully and you will understand. I'm always a little bit leery about those notwithstanding any other provisions and nevertheless and all that sort of thing. It reminds me of a friend of mine who was a bill drafter at one time who covered all bases by the notwithstanding in any other provision. And, under those kind of exemptions, I would assume we'll be able to exempt the thoroughbred race horses, and I'm not going to oppose it. In fact, I would support it, hoping that somehow or other someone would understand that maybe old Toby ought to be exempted on the farm also. I think that eventually what we are trying to do here is to put back together the scrambled egg. We are trying to resurrect something which is dead. We're trying to bring back to life a system which...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...ought to have had a decent burial years ago. I object to it. I object to the system and I intend to continue to object until the process has been served. I ask you to support the amendment and for once take the jump on what will happen in a year or two. Thank you again.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We'll now vote on the Schmit amendment to LB 1063. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Schmit amendment to LB 1063? Senator Schmit.