

They don't use any state dollars.

SENATOR ABBOD: Okay. And, well, who regulates the quarter horses then?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: The Racing Commission.

SENATOR ABBOD: So they regulate quarter horses and thoroughbred horses, right?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: But you have to realize that quarter horses did not operate in 1991 in Nebraska. So there was...

SENATOR ABBOD: Why not?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Because they didn't have enough horses, as far as I know, they didn't have enough dollars involved to operate.

SENATOR ABBOD: You mean not enough...what do you mean not enough dollars?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I think purse money.

SENATOR ABBOD: You mean people weren't willing to bet on quarter horses?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I really don't know that, Senator, I just know that they did set the racing dates up to Broken Bow and they had to cancel it because they only had about 25 horses up there.

SENATOR ABBOD: Well, Senator Schellpeper, would you object if I had an amendment added to this bill...or offer an amendment, would you support it to help fund...take some of these fees and help fund the quarter horses?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, I would. If you will look what's happening to racing in Nebraska, we have five racetracks.

SENATOR ABBOD: Uh-huh.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: And I don't see how any state that has one and a half million people can afford to have six or seven racetracks. Five racetracks is probably too many. We're