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attempting to open up more racetracks when we cannot keep the ones that we currently have operating for them to be profitable.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, why are thoroughbred horses more important than quarter horses?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I don't know that they are, but they currently are operating in Nebraska. Quarter horses did not operate last year, Senator.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, if we had quarter horses operating in this state though, wouldn't it be good for agriculture?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I don't know whether we can afford, as I said, to keep all these racetracks going. I think sometime in the near future this state has to decide if we want to keep three, four, five racetracks going.

SENATOR ABOUD: Why shouldn't...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No other state does that.

SENATOR ABOUD: Why shouldn't we help subsidize quarter horses?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I'm not sure that we shouldn't. I have a study that I put in. I think we need to take a look at how quarter horses can fit into thoroughbred racing. Maybe we can have quarter horses run the same time as thoroughbreds, the same tracks. I don't know.

SENATOR ABOUD: But you're...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: But I can't see opening up another racetrack.

SENATOR ABOUD: But you're not willing to support my amendment?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, I'm not.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, thank you.

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

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I, too, am against the amendment. Let me explain a little bit to maybe Senator Abboud,