

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, this is somewhat difficult and particularly my Senator Bohlke and her track over there and I certainly don't have any problem with someone trying to support something that locally, that naturally we want to support and have whatever we can in our own community. But I look at this and particularly then taking this money, I support this Schellpeper amendment and then, as we start down the road, in Senator Lamb's amendment, taking the money away from the Track Distribution Fund, and the Racing Commission, as I say, they operate on their own revenue. They've not had these increases and they simply have to have a certain amount of money to operate on. I don't deny Senator Johnson or anyone trying to support the quarter horse tracks, but it's got to the point that we simply cannot support all of the tracks. Every other state has found that. It's difficult to stand up here because I just passed out to you, shows you the size and the activities that are at Fonner Park and it would be easy to say, yes, Arlene, you support Fonner Park but what's the matter then with you supporting the quarter horse. We're down to the point that you cannot support everything. You must be realistic. If we try doing that, if we trying spreading ourselves as thin as we're trying today, we simply will see the whole racing industry go down. And I'm not kidding you, it's difficult times. There's more and more of all sorts of gambling and it does have its effect, but when we start down this road there's no end to the picking. Let's go back to the LB 775 debate and I remember when...I believe it was Senator DeCamp had an amendment in for the potato company. Pretty soon one amendment. Then there was an amendment for the gas company from Iowa, one amendment right after the other. Pretty soon, you really have nothing and that's exactly what would happen to the racing industry. So I support Senator Schellpeper and I hope that you would not support Senator Lamb's. It's something that...it's not that major, but it's something that starts down that road and it's an industry that I think that the smaller, the very small tracks, it's just impossible to operate any longer. Thanks.

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

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. Once again, I want to emphasize that quarter horses did not operate in 1991 in Nebraska because they could not be