

don't believe all of them are Nebraska-bred.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Well, I'm just trying to figure out what would be the best possible vote for this state on this particular issue. I know when we talk about the horse racing industry in the past, it's always dealt around...we haven't talked about the social problems that go with gambling, we've talked about the good aspects of the horse breeding and the horse racing industry and, to me, I'm trying to determine what is better for the state. Is it better to have quarter horses racing, or is it better to have thoroughbred horses racing? We've had some problems in recent years with horse racing over all. Quarter horses are dropping. I handed out a sheet that shows how horse racing has continually dropped in their handle from 213 million down to 1991 handle of 114, so it's dropped in half. That's quite a drop and I, to me, I'm looking at this saying, when is it going to stop? We've seen a consistent drop year, after year, after year. We used to subsidize horse racing with tax dollars and...or give some of the tax dollars back and we hoped that that would work. We tried simulcasting. We hoped that that would work. We're trying a number of different approaches. But when we talk to the question of quarter horses versus thoroughbreds, to me it doesn't seem to make much difference as far as helping the agricultural sector of this state. It's puzzling to me on...and it makes me wonder how I should be voting on these types of issues because I want to help out the agricultural sector of the state and, to me, it doesn't appear that there would be any difference between...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ..the two types of horse racing. Thank you.

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

SENATOR HARTNETT: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do we have sufficient seconds? We do. We'll now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Madam President.