

problems with the horse races for years, and years, and years. I can't see where it's going to get any better. So I wanted to take the time to explain to you where the term came from and it's not good for agriculture and if you'd like to have some of my time I'll give it to you. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Abboud?

SENATOR ABOUD: I just want to thank Senator Haberman for that explanation.

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

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I'm not going to bore you or go down through here. I know Senator Abboud, the question, it is a valid question. Right not stabled at Fonner Park are 1,100 horses. They eat a lot of oats. You can't buy a bale of straw in central Nebraska hardly. There are a lot and there are a lot of people that raise horses and actually a full-time business. I'll just pull through one of these. Annual...and this is 1990 by an audited report. Annual cash expenditures of the thoroughbred horsemen are calculated to be 15,043,364 dollars. The breakdown is: 7,572,000 in payments to labor, including bonus fees; 344,000 payments to the government; seven million, one hundred and twenty-six in payments to other industries, feed, bedding, supplies, services. The overall financial implication are presented in the total purses of 8,114,000. I will be able to tell you that the handle went up at Fonner Park last week or maybe the week before because of it is a bit better. I'm not back down to, again, but my point is that I don't know how we can keep subsidizing maybe a lost industry. The quarter horse industry in Nebraska is sizable and there were three million or I mean three thousand horses, ponies or horses born. But let me tell you these are the cash expenditures of the thoroughbred tracks and that is, altogether, Ak-Sar-Ben, Fonner, State Fair, Columbus and Atokad, 33 million dollars; and payments to the state, 7,700,000. The thoroughbreds, and I won't go back down, I'll go through these real rapid, but let's compare the quarter horse tracks: 243,797 dollars; salary and wages, 78; purchase of goods, 158,000; payments to the government, 6,000. I know as much as we want to continue to subsidize these tracks, this is the 1990 figures and I will show these to anyone that wants to look them over, the salaries that Broken Bow and apparently Deshler, Nebraska, ran. It's just...it's unfortunate, but it seems like that we're trying to