

be all things to all people and it simply will not work. The horsemen's expenditures in thoroughbred tracks was 15 million, so I...it's just unfortunate but I don't think that we can continue to go on hopes and still, at the same time, be able to maintain an industry. In 1979, the quarter horses did do well, 935,000 dollars, so you can see. I hate to, as again, maybe say something against the Hastings track, but I certainly have all of these exhibits, their audited accounts, and can show you, but there are a lot of subsidy and a lot of jobs in agriculture but I don't really consider this as an ag industry either, but it is an entity that we cannot afford to lose in Nebraska. Thanks.

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

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Am I the last one?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Yes, you are, Senator Schellpeper. I'll recognize you for closing.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Speaker and members. Once again, let me say Grand Island did not race in 1991. I realize they have a race track. Broken Bow has a racetrack. Broken Bow had some days, but they did not run last year. You know, I think people forget about Hastings. Oh, I said Grand Island. I meant Hastings. Hastings has a racetrack, but they need to realize that we're attempting here to start a new racetrack because they didn't operate last year. There's only so many dollars that we can actually use. Senator Lamb, I put in an amendment that will give the quarter horses the money they had last year for this year. Let them try it one more year. Now if they're saying that it's such an important industry, and I realize that it is, I'm not opposed to a quarter horse, let them try it one more year at Hastings with the money that they had last year. I'm willing to accept that. Let them see what happens. But this amendment, all it does, it puts this status quo. We're not taking any funds away from Small Track Funds. We're not adding it. We're just putting it the same amount that they're paying in on the same formula. Senator Lamb asked for an opinion from the Attorney General and he gave him the opinion that he thinks that it's probably the other way, so we're putting into statute, because it's a very gray area, how this actually operates. Without the Small Track Fund, you wouldn't have a racetrack in South Sioux City. You wouldn't have a racetrack in Columbus, Nebraska, without the Small Track