

accurate. Let's talk about what we are talking about, and that is giving tax breaks, giving tax incentives to Ak-Sar-Ben, spending taxpayers dollars for the continued operation of Ak-Sar-Ben. Now having said all of that, and approaching this issue as I believe this issue should be approached by all of us, and that is this, should we or should we not spend tax dollars to support Ak-Sar-Ben? That is the issue. And I am going to vote yes on this amendment because I have voted yes in the past on giving tax incentives to Ak-Sar-Ben. I believe that Ak-Sar-Ben needs to have a chance to succeed, but what I am tired of, I am tired of going about it in the way that it has been approached since 1987 or '88 in this body. I think we could have gotten a lot further a lot quicker if we could have been dealt with straight up, and we weren't dealt with straight up. We weren't dealt with straight up. I am going to support this because I support the tax...I support tax incentives to give Ak-Sar-Ben a chance and that is why I am voting for it. Tax dollars are going to be spent by Ak-Sar-Ben,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...by Douglas County, by the State of Nebraska to support this facility. And I invite the county board members, who continue to tell the people of Douglas County that no tax dollars are going to be spent, to kindly start talking the truth and talking straight to the people of Douglas County, so we can make the decisions based on reality, and not based on smoke and mirrors. Let's give Ak-Sar-Ben an opportunity and the horse industry an opportunity to succeed. I am going to vote for this. I voted for these things in the past. Fine, but let's start dealing straight with the issues and then I think we are going to get a lot further a lot faster in making the good and right decisions on these issues. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will tell you why the people in Douglas County don't speak the truth. Why should they? Senator Ashford, more than anybody else, knows that they lie, but he is going to vote for them anyway. So if the man who will stand on the floor and tell you that they have not been telling the truth, but he is going to support them anyway, will give his vote to the liars, why should they not continue to lie. A liar can fit his or her statement or story to any situation that is necessary to achieve a desired