

result. So, Senator Ashford, our polygraph, our polygraph, not just polygrapher, our polygraph stands here and tells us they are lying but give them what they want anyway to reward the liar because we are so foolish that we do better if we are lied to than if we are told the truth. I want to ask Senator Will a question since he has made it back to the Chamber. Senator Will.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now that you are here I want to ask you this question. Senator Schellpeper pointed out that last year Ak-Sar-Ben lost \$1,300,000 on the racetrack, on the racing activity. What assurance is there from you that they will not lose an equal or greater amount next year after we give them this tax subsidy?

SENATOR WILL: Absolutely none, Senator Chambers. I believe that they will...that the track will be in better hands, will be operated better with the private operator that Douglas County has, but I can give you no personal assurance about their success or failure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Will, what things have ceased to be in existence which may have contributed to the steady decline of winnings or take at Ak-Sar-Ben over the last few years?

SENATOR WILL: I think that the situations that have arisen that have led to the decline in take from Ak-Sar-Ben have not ceased to exist with respect to things like keno, and like Bluffs Run, but I think that, number one, the people who have been paying attention to the way that Ak-Sar-Ben is run are better able to deal with those at this point because they have observed them for a number of years. And, number two, some of the outside tracks, like Canterbury Downs, like the track in Kansas City, like Prairie Meadows in Iowa, are not running near as extensively as they have been in the last few years, so that, indeed, is a situation that has ceased.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Will, if I am selling apples, and the market for apples diminishes, what difference does it make if I have somebody who can make very clever little jingles or whatever if the ones who are purchasing apples are not there?