

SENATOR LANDIS: ...which stands a better chance of being cash effective. Secondly, competitors to Ak-Sar-Ben have come and gone.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Stop there, because my time is running out. Senator Landis, it is true that we have heard that some of these tracks have not been doing well the last few years. Well, if they are not doing that well and they are not putting on events to the same extent they were, why has not Ak-Sar-Ben taken off, as we have been told they would. Ak-Sar-Ben is losing too, which would show me that there is just a declining interest on the part of people to waste their money at racetracks. This is bad policy. It is a bad amendment. It is a bad bill. It is a sham, and a shell game, and I don't think the bill ought to be seriously considered by the Legislature.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Mr. Clerk, an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, a priority motion, Senator Chambers would move to bracket LB 1061 until April, is it 10, Senator?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this point in the session causes us to do some deep and serious thinking about all bills that are before us. The Governor is going to have us debate, at some point, a bill which is going to change tax brackets and other things that we have read about in the newspaper. I have begun to receive mail from various businesses and enterprises advising me to vote against a certain bill, LB 962, because of the damage it is going to do. Why should we give a tax underwrite to a gambling operation at the time we are supposed to be engaged in a serious discussion about the inequities of the existing tax system, how upper bracket income earners are not paying their fair share, yet this racetrack that we are talking about is an example of the work done by those upper bracket income earners. Ak-Sar-Ben did not get in the trouble it is in, Senator Will, because garden variety citizens had gotten it together like you would a co-op and have pooled their meager resources and knowledge to try to make a thing go. What we were told about Ak-Sar-Ben is that the best people, the best minds, were involved in that activity. They were the ones calling the shots. They were the ones who were going to make it go. The largess that was being spread around the state because of Ak-Sar-Ben was the result of the