

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the bracket motion by Senator Chambers, even though I may share some of this concerns about the original amendment, and I do, as I outlined this morning. But it would certainly be my hope that the body would defeat Senator Chambers' bracket motion and defeat Senator Hall's motion, and then continue to advance the bill. I think there is some things embodied in the bill now, that there is some policy decisions that I certainly can live with. As I have stated before, in the past I have always been one to try and do what I can, at least what I think is reasonable, to advance the horse racing industry in the State of Nebraska, not so much to advance it, but to allow it to continue. I think LB 1061 in its original form, prior to the Hall amendment, does some things that I certainly have no problem with, and having said that, I would oppose the bracket motion, still stand opposed to Senator Hall's amendment, and eventually hope we can advance the bill.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am wondering in my mind, and I am sharing with you my thoughts as I have mulled them through whether or not this bill is sufficiently bad to do everything that is possible to stop it at this point because of that Hall amendment. If there is some people who love this bill so much, as Senator Nelson does, as Senator Schellpeper does, but they are going to attach this nefarious amendment, I have as much right to hate the bill with the same fervor that the rest of you love it. And you'd do everything you can to advance it because you love it, I have a right to do everything I can to stop it because I hate it. I look at this something like the condition that agriculture finds itself in. They don't use flails anymore, as far as I know. They don't use hoes. They don't use plows, to which a mule is attached. They say now they use combines, which is driven by a mule. I thought Senator Baack would be here and give me a response. What has happened is that agriculture, as it is structured in this society, would have to be viewed at two levels, the agribusiness end of it, the huge landholders who make money through economies of scale, and then the so-called family farmer, which is a relic of the past and cannot be. Agriculture of the kind that exists in Nebraska, which is participated in by the majority of farmers, exists only as long as there are huge infusions of federal subsidies. When the subsidies are withdrawn, farming, as known today, is at an end.