

the industry and to the horse racing industry and to the people that own horse races and to the people that operate the tracks in Nebraska. And there are, like I said, there's a lot of other issues in this bill besides this one amendment, so I really appreciate him withdrawing the bracket motion. This amendment again, last year Douglas County, in 1991, paid about \$160,000 to Nebraska. And if this amendment will be, is not accepted starting January 1, 1994 or the '94 track season, if they have the same amount of handle they will probably be paying about 5 to \$600,000. So it's about a three to \$500,000 amendment to the...or Douglas County Board because they're the ones that are going to be operating Ak-Sar-Ben. And I think it will probably help them sell bonds and they're hoping that it will help them sell bonds to purchase the racetrack at a lower rate. So that's why they need to have this amendment. We do this for other things in this state that are very important. Horse racing is very important to this state. If you are in that type industry, it's very important. It's a multimillion dollar business in this state. So I would urge you to support the Hall amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I want to ask Senator Schellpeper a question. He made me have to explore another area. Senator Schellpeper, you said we do this for other interests that are important to the state. Could you give me just one example?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well I think if you look at LB 775 you'll see some benefits.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well let me ask you this. Which operation that was benefitted by 775 was a losing proposition and had lost year after year and the bill 775 was specifically targeted to that losing proposition? Which one?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, Senator, I'm not convinced that horse racing is a losing proposition if we can help them out in this state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you hear the testimony on this floor and