

for north Omaha and I'm sure that 25 of us supported it or it would not have passed. And it may seem like a big amount when we're talking about his small amount but it's any business or entity and I will guarantee you that the racing industry or Fonner Park does mean a lot to us as that bill would have meant to north Omaha.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, the Research and Development Authority lost practically all of its funding by a direct vote of the Legislature because the Legislature as a whole determined that they were not succeeding in generating jobs and producing what the Legislature said they wanted them to produce. So all of the money was cut. Do you remember that, Senator Nelson? Senator Nelson nods yes, she does. Do you remember it? Oh, Senator Will is on the telephone. Do you remember that, Senator Moore, that the money was cut from the Research and Development Authority because it was felt that the way they were spending the money did not produce the results that we wanted, to that effect? Senator Will, do you remember that vote that took money from the Research and Development Authority?

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Now I say that to put in context what Senator Nelson said. There was an operation which was trying to generate jobs and help businesses come into existence but because the activity was not producing the results at the rate that was desired and was felt that money was used in administrative areas that should not have been used to the extent that it was, the Legislature pulled back all that money. Then how can Senator Nelson and others say that when we're dealing with a losing operation, Senator Nelson, that's what you all don't want to hear. You all blank that out of your minds. You make my comments apply to the Teflon brain cells where nothing will stick. Let this one go to the Velcro side. I think that Velcro is where things stick. Ak-Sar-Ben is a losing proposition and it has shown losses year after year consistently. Last year it lost \$1,300,000. Senator Nelson cannot mention any business in north Omaha that we funded for that amount because the bill appropriated a million dollars. No business would get that much out of that fund. Ak-Sar-Ben lost that much, Senator Nelson, and now they're coming down here