

but clearly what happened was in my mind it was a significant mistake last year when we passed this amendment. As you may recall, there was a bill that the county wanted to give it the authority to run a keno game in order to buy Ak-Sar-Ben and many of the Omaha senators put an amendment to that bill that would require a vote of the people before keno could be used to buy Ak-Sar-Ben and then what happened after that was that there another...that bill was gutted, or another bill was gutted. The keno provisions were put on that bill and so that the vote of the people amendment died at that time and at some point in that discussion there was a...at some point in that discussion there was a 2 percent, the 2 percent deal went to the horsemen. I think it was a mistake. I think it was a...I voted for it, it was a mistake on my part. We have an opportunity to rectify that at this point, but I need to understand...could I get a...Madam President, could I...no gavel. Senator Moore, can I ask you a question?

SENATOR MOORE: Sure.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Let's just carry on here. Senator Moore, when that 2 percent last...when we passed the bill last year, the 2 percent was given to the horsemen. Where would it have gone without that amendment? Do you remember? Would that have gone to the cities or...?

SENATOR MOORE: I think the bill was originally, it went to the cities. I had an amendment pending that would let it go to the state. That amendment was defeated.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Was that defeated before it went to the horsemen or after it went to the horsemen? Do you know.

SENATOR MOORE: I believe it was afterwards. The amendment was pending before that but it was afterwards.

SENATOR ASHFORD: All right. We've just...in a bill that we just adopted or an amendment, the Hall amendment, we have, in my view, expended state monies to...could I get a gavel, Madam President? I can't hear what I'm...

PRESIDENT MOUL: (Gavel.)

SENATOR ASHFORD: We expended, in my opinion, a substantial amount of state money to allow Ak-Sar-Ben to, the county to sell