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particularly on the horsemen and the horsemen essentially are those people, particularly the Nebraska horsemen, they're the people that we've made the concessions that we have to thoroughbred racing for. They are the individuals who are making their living raising the horses that race at the tracks throughout the State of Nebraska and to the extent that keno cuts into their market, to the extent that the kenos in those counties that contain racetracks draw people that otherwise might be going to the horse races, I think that it's all we can do to allow them access to some of that new gambling money, that money that is not being spent at horse races, the money that we've allowed the cities to have access to, that we probably lost forever as far as having that as a method by which a state lottery can raise money. I think that the cities of the State of Nebraska should probably be grateful that they've been given access to that type of gaming and that the least we can do for the horsemen of the state is to allow them a small share in those keno profits, to allow them to have their purses bumped up so they can continue to raise horses, continue to take horses to the racetracks of the state and race them for purses that are reasonable in order to keep the thoroughbred racing industry in Nebraska alive. That, after all, is the point of LB 1061. That is the point of maneuvering that we've been doing to get the Hall amendment attached. I would urge your rejection of both the Moore and the Abboud amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Robak, you're next.

SENATOR ROBAK: Question.

SENATOR CONWAY: The question is called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate cease?

SENATOR ROBAK: A call of the house.

SENATOR CONWAY: Request has been made for a call of the house. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SENATOR CONWAY: The house is under call. Will members please return to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. The house is under call. Will members please return to the Chamber and record your presence. We will take

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