

wisely and gave it all back to the Department of Charitable Gaming, they could use it for enforcement purposes, and that would be the worst investment we could make. But at some point I think we ought to recognize that the cities, of course,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...seem to be the chief beneficiary. I like those counties who have gotten into it. I would like to see the counties participate in this, if it's going to happen that way, because we all live within the confines of the county. But as it stands today, only those cities which have keno tend to benefit. I would...I would oppose the Abboud amendment. I supported the Moore amendment, I think that would have been a preferable way to go. But I do believe that we did, correctly or incorrectly, give some money to the tracks last year. The facilities at the tracks, for example, and Ak-Sar-Ben in particular, were built by horse race money, built by the thoroughbred industry. And today keno benefits, to a certain extent, from that facility. I don't think it's a bad deal to let the thoroughbred industry have some of that money. It ought to...we ought to review, and I hope Mr. Schellpeper, Senator Schellpeper...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...will review all of these policies, and post haste bring to this Legislature a better plan.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Nelson, followed by Senators Wesely, Robak, Rod Johnson, Lindsay, Schellpeper, Abboud, and Moore. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Oh my goodness. I have to oppose the Abboud amendment. I know it was brought to us in good faith, and that it...and maybe keno is supporting the horse racing industry. But I can tell you that keno, along with the dog tracks and so on, as we've discussed many times today, the horse racing industry is not flourishing, as all of us know. I can say and I can go down through these communities, I'll say, for example, and I'll just pick Doniphan here, in Hall County. I will tell you that Doniphan, through the 4-H fairs, and through the state horse racing, state 4-H, many, many activities at Fonner Park, and if the horsemen do not get some fairly good returns, or at least make their...keep their money together, they're not going