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they could be successful, so I said I would be willing to give them one more chance to be successful.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And \$53,000 is going to make them have that chance to be successful by providing purses?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: They think they will be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do people turn out to watch these quarter horse races?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I can't tell you, I've never been to one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh. Then I'd like to ask Senator Bohlke a question. She's over there indicating that she wants to jump into the fray. Senator Bohlke, do people turn out to watch these quarter horse races?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, they do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do they turn out in relatively large numbers?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Well, that would be a difference of opinion from someone from Omaha and someone from Hastings. But in Hastings it's a fairly good number, I believe, but I don't know the exact number.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would there be enough to make it a paying operation in terms of producing a purse large enough to encourage the horse people to continue entering these horses in these races?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's been a problem in the past,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...so probably not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, we're really just giving them \$53,000 to split among themselves for this coming season, because they're not going to make money. Is that true, probably?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I...I don't know what their plans are to try to attract a larger crowd, but that's been a problem.