

these horses to plows and have plowing contests, and then there would be some use for those highly developed hindquarters. But to call them racehorses, when they can't even run fast, is a misstatement. To imply that \$53,000 is going to reawaken an industry that never caught on any, I think, is inappropriate, as far as an expenditure of money, it's a waste of money. Senator Hefner, we don't have a patient on a life support system, we have a mummy, like Tutankhamen, that we're trying to bring back from the dead, and we can't do it with \$53,000. But it is a way to give money to certain people who we may feel are entitled to it for trying. When certain tax propositions are considered by the Legislature, and those who represent the farm sector say that every other business can pass on increases but the farmer cannot, if agriculture is indeed so important to this state, why are you going to give these horse people cash, when they've shown, with every opportunity, they cannot make it. We're giving them money for nothing. I don't know if this is part of a campaign or what. But I have never seen this Legislature do, with any other type program that would benefit people who genuinely need the help, as it's doing today for these horse racing interests. There have been worthy programs where \$53,000 would have some meaning, and the Legislature was too stingy,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...too inconsiderate, too hard-hearted to give it. But now for a handful of people who have a hobby of racing slow horses that very few people will come to watch, we're going to give \$53,000. Senator Hefner, I'd like to ask you a question, if I may. And I'll ask it as you stand up. Do you think that this money is going to make the quarter horse industry a profit-making operation in this state? Senator Hefner, I'd asked him.

SENATOR HEFNER: May I...may I answer that question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: I would say that I'd have my doubts whether the \$53,000 would help them that much, but...but...but it could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. You wouldn't want to make a little wager, would you? Probably not because we feel the same way, that it's not...