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LR 442, 446

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...and it's not Senator Hall's or Senator Will's fault that this happened. But the revelations of the crooked operations of the keno in Omaha by one or two individuals, it's unfortunate, but that spoils the whole thing. We've just gone too far in this state in this area. The Governor's message, the reasons for vetoing it I don't think are the right ones. I think the vote here is whether or not we want to send a message on whether or not we want to expand gambling operations any further into the big time gambling that this is. And unfortunately I'm sorry to Senator Will and Senator Hall, because I know they've worked hard on this, that I'm going to have to vote no. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 446 and LR 442. Senator Schellpeper, you're next.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to support the override. Right now horse racing in Nebraska is going through some very hard times. This bill is a way to help that industry. It's a very large industry. I'm not saying that this is going to be the salvation, but it's something the body can do to help a very large industry, a very important industry for this state. The only way that we can actually get the bill challenged in court is to have the bill passed. The Attorney General has ruled that it is not constitutional so in order to get it passed in order to be legal, we have to have a bill. And so I would urge the body to override the veto at this time and we will take it to court. The racetracks have agreed to do that to see whether it is constitutional. But this bill, since we did not get LB 1061 that was designed to really help the racetracks, this would be probably several years down the road. And it's a way to help an industry, like I said, that's very important to this state, yet it's having some very hard times at the present time. This bill may help that industry. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the