

owners and all of the other four tracks, in fact, five tracks, because Omaha also agreed to it. But the only change made by AM4146 is to take out Section 4 of the committee amendments. As amended, LB 1255 would provide for the distribution of simulcasting revenue for any racetrack which does not conduct a live race meet in the form of purse supplements and breeder and stallion award at racetracks that run a live meet. It also would provide that amounts that would be deducted pursuant to a contract with the organization representing the majority of the horse owners and trainers are to be distributed pursuant to that contract. In addition, LB 1255 would reduce the amount of time the dam is required to be in Nebraska prior to foaling in order for the colt to qualify as a Nebraska-bred from 6 months to 90 days. Section 4, that was in the committee amendments that will be struck, we did it because the Attorney General stated that the Racing Commission has the authority to issue a simulcasting license according to current law. It is a little bit debatable whether or not that is really clarified but the Racing Commission thinks they can do that. I know Senator Jensen would like to see a change, we might try to do that on Select File, but this amendment will delete that part of the committee amendment. So, all it is basically it deals with the breeder and the stallion awards at the racetracks and it takes out Section 4 then that would have have stated that the racetrack had to run live...that they couldn't go two years without racing live. But, we took that out because of the AG's Opinion and I would be glad to answer any questions. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: On consideration of the Schellpeper amendment, Senator Will followed by Senator Jensen.

SENATOR WILL: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, just very briefly I rise to support the amendment to the committee amendment. I think as Senator Schellpeper indicated, this amendment recognizes the situation that has developed in horse racing in the fact that, in effect this is an amendment that in previous years I probably would have opposed. But, because of the situation that has occurred due to increased competition from gaming, primarily across the river in Council Bluffs, Ak-Sar-Ben has run into some trouble and probably at this point this is the best way to not stop the bleeding, but at least give an assistance to horse racing in the state of Nebraska. Thank you.