

simulcasting might not be allowed when live racing had not been allowed...or had not occurred at the track in the year prior, or the current year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which means Ak-Sar-Ben?

SENATOR WILL: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So how would that...that wouldn't hurt Ak-Sar-Ben, would it, because it...they're not going to survive anyway? We just take them out of their misery quicker, isn't that right?

SENATOR WILL: If your premise is that Ak-Sar-Ben is not going to survive and that they indeed would be better off not surviving, then your statement would be correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And members of the Legislature, one of the things I want to do right away, on page 2 in line 4 where it's talking about the amounts deducted from wagers pursuant to subsection 2 of Section 2-1207 may be used to promote agriculture and horse breeding in Nebraska, I'm just going to strike that "may" and insert "shall not." And then in line 5 after "shall," put "not" and then this money is not going to be usable for those purposes. And I may not get one of these amendments adopted, but it'll give us some very good discussion about gambling, whether it's horse racing, pickles, bingo or whatever. And what the "bingoites" can say is if I don't have mine, I'm going to be like the Luddites, you ain't going to have yours either. And Senator Will can say, if I can't help these bingo players then to blazes with the horse racing at Ak-Sar-Ben. And in no case does it make me any difference. I haven't really had an opportunity to go after one of these bills that I don't like. This bill I don't like but I did not dislike it as much as I'm beginning to dislike it. And a lot of times when I say these things...if Senator Witek were here, she'd stand up and she'd say, don't let him threaten you, challenge him. Put the amendment on. So what if he kills your bill. And I'd say, well, she's just telling you what I said that I'm going to do. But, unlike my colleagues, I don't just say this and then back away from it. I mean it if I say it. And I've said it and this is what the kids used to say when I was growing up, I said it, I meant it and I'm here to represent it. And that means that I will see this thing through to the bitter end. But