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single most compelling reason why LB 6 should be passed or why LB...or AM1190 should be adopted, and that is that we had people in Lincoln who didn't know that the State Fair was not in the city limits. And to say that by passing the city ban that it somehow...this law would then bring that into consistency, the city of Lincoln doesn't have jurisdiction over it. As to the policy reasons, Senator Aguilar has a community that has a licensed racetrack in its community as well, and under this amendment we will give an exemption to Fonner Park or in Omaha to Horsemen's Park, but as a state facility we won't give that same right, even though it's the same principles that govern the exemption here but, yet, because Lincoln passed an ordinance that they had no idea, or some did and they recognized they weren't able to reach that far, we should adopt this amendment and prohibit it. It's interesting to me that we as a state, who have an obligation financially at the State Fairgrounds to fund buildings and other things, would be willing to potentially give up, if there is, revenue or other things in order to subsidize or provide an unfair opportunity to Omaha and Lincoln's (sic) facilities. In honesty, I would be fine if we just eliminated the whole opportunity for that type of gambling in the state of Nebraska. So, from that standpoint, I also don't rise in opposition because of that, but just it doesn't make sense. So, from the standpoint of what we're doing publicly and as far as policywise, there are some ironies in here that seem to be interesting. I'm going to oppose the amendments. I'm going to oppose the committee amendment. The bill, I believe, also has some problems. But I had an amendment filed. I was willing to withdraw that to see where the body may be this morning, and I think we should proceed with that effort. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Chambers, and this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Bourne told me he was going to take me to school on the issue of impairment of the obligation of contracts. Senator Bourne took me to school, but his school would not be certified. He wound up talking about impairment of a contract. The term is impairment of the obligation or