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relating to Nebraska-bred quarter horses.   At the time of
introduction of this bill all parties had not agreed, but since
that time an agreement has been reached regarding this subject,
and that agreement is reflected in the committee amendment to
follow. Having worked as the employee assistance counselor in
the Nebraska racing industry for the past 15 years, I think that
this is an extraordinary opportunity to increase much needed
funding for the Racing Commission, and just the idea that all
stakeholders--racetracks, horsemen, and breeders--have agreed on
anything should be a signal that this is good legislation. I
urge you to adopt the committee amendment, vote in favor of the
amended bill, and send it to Select File.   Thank you.   If
there's any questions, I'd be more than glad to try and answer
them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dwite Pedersen. There are
committee amendments. Chairman Janssen of the committee, you're
recognized to open.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the
Legislature, AM0091, which I will ask you to advance after it
has been replaced with AM1189, is an amendment that was
presented to the committee at the bill's hearing. The purpose
of the amendment is to encourage quarter horse breeding and
racing in Nebraska.   I have introduced an amendment to this
amendment that will replace the contents of the committee
amendments. It is simply a clarification of the language that
was presented to us in the committee hearing. I will explain
the amendment when I open on AM1189. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Janssen would move to
amend the committee amendments with AM1189.   (Legislative
Journal page 1241.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, to open.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback.   Members, this
amendment would replace the contents of AM0091. It is simply a
clear way to say what the original committee amendments