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proposed. Nebraska currently has thoroughbred racing at its racetracks. The industry, including breeders, would like to encourage growth to the category of quarter horse racing. The statutes now state that since the purpose of the horse racing statute is to encourage agriculture and horse breeding in Nebraska, every track licensed is required to hold at least one race on each racing day limited to Nebraska-bred horses only. To further encourage such in-state breeding, the amendment adds reference to quarter horse racing that would give...that would require that the quarter horse racetracks, on those tracks, there must be a preference given to Nebraska-bred horses. So, for quarter horse racing, any Nebraska-bred horse must be put in the race before out-of-state horses. This requirement would put in place for a period of three years, beginning in September, so this will allow enough time for the certified, meaning eligible for racing, quarter horse registry to be built up. When the three-year period is over, the registry will be filled with eligible to race quarter horses, and the requirement that at least one race on racing days be run with Nebraska-only horses will return. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. You've heard the opening on AM1189 to committee amendments. Open for discussion. Seeing no lights on, Senator Janssen. He waives closing. The question before the body is AM1189, which amends the General Affairs Committee amendment. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Janssen amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM1189 has been adopted. Anything further on the committee amendment, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Discussion of committee amendments? Seeing no lights on, Senator Janssen, you're recognized to close. He