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in support of this legislation and I'm going to take another different perspective here and look at it. But the first thing I wanted to address is something Senator Erdman just talked about. He doesn't think the benefits are that good. I'm very fortunate to live in Grand Island where Fonner Park is located and it is one of the most successful tracks here in the state of Nebraska. They struggle financially every year just like everybody else does. But they've been able to keep their heads above water and make it. And this proposal would just allow them to do a little more, to make a little more. And when they make more money, it's not necessarily all bottom-line profit. Let me give you some examples of what happens with some of the money Fonner Park takes in each year. Over the last couple years, and this doesn't include this year at all, they've contributed over \$3 million in different donations to the community, donations to different civic organizations like the Humane Society, Crimestoppers, the chamber of commerce, and Family Violence Coalition; Island Oasis Water Park, there's new soccer and softball fields throughout their complex; the Red Cross, the Grand Island EMTs and the fire departments, they've contributed fire trucks to our community; Third City Community Clinic. They open it up to any service agency that requests it at no charge. They've given over \$207,000 in scholarships to area high school students, over half a million a year in the use of the facility for community groups, as well as the county fair. Right now, we're almost through, we'll be done sometime this summer with the Heartland Event Center. Fonner Park's contribution to that was a mere \$10 million. So, yes, Senator Erdman, there are substantial contributions that come from these things and not to mention the jobs. There's trainers and grooms in excess of 500 every year, jockeys, Fonner Park employees, concessions, guards, janitorial. It goes on and on what they can do for the community. And if you're lucky enough to have one of these facilities in your community, I think we all know what the benefit of that could be. I'd like to talk a little bit about something Senator Pederson said. He was concerned that people could bet too often. Well, Senator Pederson, they can do that right with simulcast. I've been to Fonner Park on the weekend and my wife and I go out and we bet a couple horse races and just have fun with it. And I might be betting live races; she'll turn the channel on the screen in front of us and