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bet on a horse in Santa Anita, and she likes to do that because there's different types of wagering that take place at some of those tracks. And one of her favorites is to try to...what they call a superfecta, and she can bet for 10 cents. You know, definitely a form of entertainment when you look at it from that respect. And that's the fun thing about having the videos, having the simulcast. The historic races would just be a takeoff of that, be every bit as fun. As far as, you know, I think Senator Chambers commented that it would just be luck. That's not necessarily true because before the race, you're provided the same information that you're provided before a live race, as well as, you know, the horses' records, how many races they've run, how they've done in the past, some of their history, the jockeys. I think just about everything is available except the horse's name. So you know, it's every bit as much skill as the live race. That's all what happens there. One thing that wasn't pointed, too, you know, like I said, I look at the races as fun and entertainment. But everybody always talks about losing money. I made money out there and it can happen. A lot of people make money, and that's what makes it enjoyable; that's what keeps you going back to the track. And you know, it's fun. It's not something I've ever got addicted to but I'll go a couple weekends a year. And, you know, it's nice to have it right there...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR AGUILAR: ...in my community and see the good it can do. If Senator Synowiecki would like the last minute, he may have it.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Aguilar, and I appreciate your comments relative to Fonner Park in Grand Island. And I tell you, one of the things that precipitated me to introducing the bill was my conversations with Horsemen's Park in Omaha. One of those Council Bluffs casinos has undergone a \$60 million addition, and I'm sure a lot of that is from Nebraska gamblers. And part of that renovation of that casino is their simulcast facilities. And there is some enormously serious concern from the management at Horsemen's Park in Omaha that that \$60 million expansion in Council