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bite and to come gamble. And somebody said, maybe the fish are getting smarter. So this always happens. We start gambling somewhere and when we don't quite get enough and then there's more competition so we've got to have some more, we've got add it here, we've got to add it at the horse races. And we know the horse tracks that are hurting from the other forms of gambling. But then we just keep expanding, expanding. The only way we can get money from that is to get more people to come and do it. And we know that more people are going to become compulsive gamblers, which does a lot of...a tremendous lot of damage to families, to individuals. And it's something that I don't...doesn't make sense at all. I will support the bracket. And I said once before, it's really fun to be on the same side as Senator Chambers, and at this time I am. So thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL PRESIDING

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Recognize Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. This LB 745, the historic horse racing, is something that I think was brought forward by people that probably didn't know what they were doing. This is something that should have been brought forward for quarter horse racing in Nebraska. This type of simulcast racing or whatever you want to call it, video racing, is something that thoroughbred horse tracks don't have to have. There's enough races being run that they can simulcast horse races most of the year. The deal was on quarter horse racing in Nebraska, if they're trying to start something like that, there aren't enough quarter horse races run that if they want to have any kind of simulcast, they would have to have races that are run by quarter horses. Now I don't know if any of you are familiar or not with quarter horses but that's some of the stock horses that came out of the range country in the early days and they were made so they could run about a quarter of a mile. And that's what a quarter horse race is, about a quarter of a mile, and it lasts about 15 or 16 seconds, something like that, and it's quite popular down in the southwest. Consequently, there are probably close to between 19,000 and 20,000 quarter horse breeders in Nebraska alone.