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I think it's a dichotomy in itself. I think we've got absolutely two conflicting intents here. I think it should go back to Committee and be adjudicated on the position of the bill as it now stands.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, would you close debate on this matter please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Dworak is right about one thing. He doesn't know what's going on. If he keeps on using words like dichotomy and adjudication I'm not sure that I'll know what's going on.

I know one thing you can't do, you can't take away from something that isn't there already. He said that we're going to reduce revenue to the state if we would adopt the proposed amendments that I laid on your desks. You can't reduce from nothing. At the present time there is nothing going on in the matter of a quarterhorse track. There is no revenue to the state. The proposed amendment would suggest that there might be. Until such time as those facilities were paid for that revenue would be diverted to pay for those facilities. It's not a new idea. It hasn't been done before. Let's not get into that at this time.

I think that in so far as the question of the public hearing is concerned, we can settle that at a later time. I think that ... I would hope at least that the membership would support me to reject the Committee amendments. Then we can proceed and let the chips fall where they may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'm sorry, I didn't know that was a close.

PRESIDENT: That's alright. The question is the adoption of Senator Schmit's motion to reject the Committee amendments. Is that right, Senator Schmit? Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Before we proceed with the next ... or the motion is adopted. Before we proceed with the next motion, in the South balcony is a former member of this body, the Honorable Wayne Ziebarth from Wilcox. Thank you, Senator Ziebarth, for returning.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Schmit to LB 519. It's found on page 411 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the amendment which has been described by the Clerk. If there's any further discussion I would like to take it up now. If there is someone who would like to comment on the adoption of the amendment first, then I would reserve my comments for closing, Mr. President.