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motion up. Of course, reject the kill motion. Let's vote to advance 915 and let's do it right this time. We are just reaffirming what we attempted to do in 1977. We have got a second chance and let's don't mess it up this time. I urge you reject the amendments and advance the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, then Senator Pappas.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Rupp, I did not tell the body that Ak-Sar-Ben had their hand in every other legitimate business at Ak-Sar-Ben because I didn't know they were that greedy. I didn't know they took a part of the profits from the programs and the concessions. You didn't mention whether Columbus does the same. I would assume they all follow that. But I didn't know they made more money than just off of the horses that they couldn't allow anybody else to work out there and make an honest living without giving them a "piece of the action." But I am delighted that you brought that out. And I really appreciate enumerating all the good things that these racetracks do for the people. I don't know what it has to do with off track betting. I am a pretty good gal myself. I give money to charity too. Nobody ever stands up and toots my horn like that. I am not surprised that the racetracks support this bill. You know something, I would love to own a business that I was the only one allowed to run it. Now I don't believe in monopolies but I can certainly understand why every racetrack here supports this bill. They all believe in monopolies. This racing, horse racing has been called the sport of kings. You ask any middle income person why it is and they will tell you, you have got to be a king to afford to go to the track. As I said before, pay to park your car, pay to get in, pay for a program, so you can bet. You know, if you don't know the numbers, you can't make a bet at any racetrack, then pay for a seat or a table if you want to sit down and lay the program out in front of you. It is very "Ak-spensive". I think it is a tremendous "Ak-spensive" proposition. I would like to ask you, Senators, what would you think if I introduced a law that said nobody can sell beer, wine or liquor except a grocery store? We would put all the cocktail lounges out of business. We would put all the

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