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SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the amendment? The question is shall the amendment be adopted, all those in favor say aye, those opposed say no, amendment is adopted. Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I move to advance LB 178 to E&R for review, as amended. The original purpose of this bill was two fold to clarify the registry of Nebraska bred or Nebraska registered horses and the second purpose was to set additional races for these horses in Nebraska. We have struck the second portion now it is a good clarification of the horses that can be registered as Nebraska bred, they will still have the one race which was already in the statutes, anything additional would now be by contract between the owners and the tracks. I move that we advance the bill.

SPEAKER: Senator Dickinson did you wish to be heard again on the bill? The Chair recognizes Senator Whitney, speaking on LB 178 as amended.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Simpson would you yield to a question?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SPEAKER: He Yields.

SENATOR WHITNEY: As I understand it the purpose of this bill is to encourage the breeding of thoroughbred horses in Nebraska, is that correct?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, this is to encourage that we have not only more horses raised in Nebraska, but that we have better horses raised here.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, now on page 3 at the top of the page, it says, it's defining what is meant by Nebraska bred horse, and it says that the owners or owners or if the owner is a corporation all stock holders thereof must have been bonafided citizens of Nebraska, continually from January 1 of the year of conception, I suppose that's conception of the colt, is that it?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Through the date of foaling, now what difference does it make whether somebody just across the line in the Colorado has part interest in the corporation, that owns this horse, it seemed to me that you're trying to keep people from other states from attempting to further the purpose of this bill, which is to encourage the breeding of thoroughbred horses in Nebraska. Why is this in the bill, that if somebody in some other state owns say \$100.00 in a corporation in Nebraska, that's doing what is wanted to be done here, why should we not let that particular horse be considered as a Nebraska bred horse, because a Colorado man owns stock in the corporation?

SENATOR SIMPSON: The person living in Colorado would have the opportunity to have a Colorado bred horse and come under their state law, almost all states have either this particular language or something similiar to protect the people who are owners within that state and it takes a clear line of citizenship in order to make sure that it's actually a Nebraska bred horse and not one brought in by a corporation who might be any other place to take the money out of Nebraska that is put up a portion of it by the tracks to the breeders of these horses when they do win races.