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voting stock be held by Nebraskans and bonafide residents, etc. etc.

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly, the chair doesn't know if you made it a motion.

SENATOR KELLY: I'll amend the Whitney amendment.

SPEAKER: OK. Senator Kelly now is amending the Whitney amendment and that's what's before the body at this time. Now, Senator Dickinson, do you want to speak on the Kelly amendment to the Whitney amendment.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I want to speak in opposition to both of them. Is this the right time?

SPEAKER: Sure, go ahead.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well, for all the reasons stated, I simply want to rise to again support the original issue that's at stake here, and as I have heardsaid many times on the floor, I don't want to oppose my good friend, Senator Whitney, and he has been a good friend but, in this case, I think this entirely noncontroversial in its...except right here on this floor and it's amongst the breeders themselves. It's really what they want and I think Senator Simpson has expressed it real well. So, I hope that this will go through without amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Skarda, did you wish to be recognized on this issue. We actually have the Kelly amendment to the Whitney amendment before us.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm mortally confused and I don't think, well to begin with Senator Simpson took the words out of my mouth. I doubt very much whether Senator Whitney knows what the amendment that he's got does or what it proposes or intends to do and I doubt the same thing in reference to Senator Kelly. These bills people work long and hard in reference to the bill when drafting it. These are people from Nebraska and I think they would certainly know what they wanted or what the intent of the bill is and for us to be playing around with it like we are to me is rather a dangerous situation and I'm wholeheartedly against either amendment. I think we ought to adopt the bill and try it for six months. We are going to be back next January. If it proves unsatisfactory, then we can proceed to correct or change it.

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly, just let's Senator Whitney talk here and then we will get back to you. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I'm willing to accept the Kelly amendment. I think he knows something about horse racing and Senator Simpson, I'd like to ask you a question, please.

SPEAKER: Senator Simpson, will you yield?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Couldn't the Commission do this now and make this in their Rulings requiring that this particular thing we are talking about.

SENATOR SIMPSON: No.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Why not?

SENATOR SIMPSON: It is not within their power to do this. This is a function of the people who are raising horses. It's their organization. This is not part of the Racing Commission's problem. Theirs is only taking care of the horses that are raced and the clarification would have to come into them from the other people as to what were Nebraska bred horses.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I'll withdraw my amendment and allow Senator Kenny's amendment to stand.