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this Body to excuse them to the extent of about three and a half million dollars so they may rebuild their track. Now, if you want to add more tracks to that, possibly that could happen. Hopefully racing which is a spectator sport no different, certainly not as violent as such things as football, hockey and the like, but the spectator sport of racing could be made available to those who otherwise could not enjoy it by permitting it on a Sunday. I ask your support of this bill in asking its advancement.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Just a series of questions from Senator Murphy if he would be willing.

PRESIDENT: Does Senator Murphy yield?

SENATOR MURPHY: I'm not sure I'm willing but I'm going.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Senator Murphy, as I understand it, we're going to have the racing on Sunday to what...get more attendance. Is it easier for people to attend on Sunday or what is the deal?

SENATOR MURPHY: I think the working man, business man is much freer on a Sunday than on a Monday through a Friday.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Why couldn't the ponies run around the track at night and then the working man could go after work?

SENATOR MURPHY: This would involve a new concept, I think,

SENATOR DE CAMP: You mean they don't have horse racing at night?

SENATOR MURPHY: I believe some of the very large metropolitan cities.....

SENATOR DE CAMP: But we don't around here.

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, maybe we could find some kind of racing the working man could attend at night. Do you have any suggestions there?

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator, you are leading me down the daisy path of dog racing.

SENATOR DE CAMP: You're there, baby. Are you opposed to dog racing? It gets the common man an opportunity to go to the track and do all these wonderful things you've said. It would help support the track and it's at night. He doesn't have to skip work and shirk his employment.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well.....

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, that's not the subject before the Body.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, Mr. President, I think it is. What we're trying to discuss is the salvation of these tracks from economic ruin and I'm trying to find if possibly we can save