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in this body LB914, I believe which will take from the state coufer more than \$300,000 annually for a period of a number of years to rebuild and to improve the track here in Lincoln. I support the bill and I think that it is needed. I think that we should pass the bill. I suggest that when we remove that amount of revenue, from the state of Nebraska that we should be willing to make it up and that is why I think that we should, that is one of the reasons why we should raise this bill. Secondly Senator Murphy has pointed out that the track in South Sioux City has financial problems and I think that we need to help these small tracks. Basically the small tracks in Nebraska are the ones in trouble. The major track in Omaha has no trouble because they have excellent facilities. I think rather than to argue that the public will stay away from the track if we increase the tax, we recognize that if we provide good facilities for the person or the sportsman that goes to the track that they will patronize the track. I we allow these facilities to become downgraded and become deteriorated, they will not support the sport. Therefore Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I respectfully ask you to give me a yes vote and raise the bill from committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Alright, the motion is to bring LB931 to the floor notwithstanding the committee action. There are numerous lights on here again and the next to speak is Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would support Senator Schmit's move to revive this bill from the committee. I think that we are all well aware of the fact that we are in a somewhat of a financial bind with regard to the commitments that this legislature is bound to make with regard to expenditures and with regards to the revenues that we have just recently committed ourselves too and the books don't seem to balance. I think that we have got an obligation and...to seek other sources of revenue and sources of revenue that will be pallatable that this is such a source of revenue and given the projections of the expenditures that this revenue is necessary and therefore we have the obligation to support it. I hope that both Senator Carpenter and Senator Marvel who are seeking to hold the sales-income tax down and at the same time provide the necessary services to the people of the state of Nebraska would recognize this as a valid alternative source of revenue and so I would support this bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to break in at this point and make an introduction. We have seated below the north balcony two Danish exchange students. These young people are being sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Otto Jorgensen and former state senator Hans Jensen and Mrs. Jensen. Would these folks visiting us this morning please stand and we would like to welcome you to our session this morning. Next to speak on the motion is Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. Chairman I wonder if I couldn't yield to the chairman of the Revenue Committee to explain the committees action. It always seems to me that when we a raise a bill it might be a good procedure to have the chairman which killed the bill explain their actions, so I would like to defer to Chairman Burbach if he would yield to that.