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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: The amendments simply restated any Sunday racing to counties of less than 20,000 in which event it would be applicable only to Atokad in Dakota County, there being no other counties having a racetrack and having the population in that dimension.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I believe we should have, is it, are we talking about LB692 or LB962?

PRESIDENT: LB962 has now been asked to return to Select file.

SENATOR WALDRON: Well, I just want to make sure we're talking about their right bill. Which is it, we're talking about?

PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, LB692.

SENATOR WALDRON: It's LB692, is what we're speaking of and that's what I have risen to talk about. I believe that we should have killed this bill when we had the opportunity. Whether horse racing on Sunday which I don't believe we should do because I think we should reserve that day for the families. If it's wrong for the whole State of Nebraska, limiting it to one county or the county of...where Senator Murphy happens to be the senator from...limiting to that county certainly cannot make it right. Now, Senator Murphy, I can see what he's up to. He's trying to gather support here so he can get it for his county. I think this is wrong. Here we're writing a bill for a very specific purpose. That is not the purpose of this legislature is to take care of one problem in one area which really, this becomes a special interest legislation. And I am opposed to that type of legislation. We should be involved in legislation for the whole State of Nebraska and I think legislation of this type is wrong and I do not believe we should expand the horse racing at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now, Mr. President, I rise to support Senator Murphy. Obviously there's some problems up there in his area and I rise to support him not in return for the many votes he hasn't given me. Murphy and I voted together on adjournment once and that's about it. There's a problem up there. I think there's competition that you need to know about across the river for those people. Now, those who give the human cry of Sunday are kidding one another. If they really feel that strongly about it, let's not have any automobile races which we have plenty of on Sunday. Let's not have any consumption of liquor which I understand we have plenty of on Sunday. On and on and on. So I think that Senator Murphy's request for this Legislature to help his area, help his track is reasonable. It's a logical approach. I'm sorry that Senator Waldron doesn't see it that way but certainly I think Senator Murphy has said let's do this for all of the tracks if they want it. But obviously there are some that do now and he says in that case, let's do it for my track and I think he has the interest of that community or the interest of that track at heart. And it would be a sad day if we wouldn't support him in this effort