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SENATOR HOAGLAND: I have a lot more confidence in the Board of Governors of Ak-sar-ben to deal with those kinds of problems than I do organized crime that might come into Omaha or Lincoln and run its own bookmaking or gambling operations.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I can establish, Senator Hoagland, to your satisfaction that such practices have occurred, namely, certain individuals are barred from the track when they use illegal devices but others are not and some of these trainers may be from outside the State of Nebraska and by having horse stalls at Ak-sar-ben they bump Nebraska trainers who have not been involved in this illegal activity, would you help me clean that situation up by legislation?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Chambers, if you have evidence of that, I think the first thing you should do is take it to the Board of Governors of Ak-sar-ben and I think they would be more than interested in hearing about that and in cleaning up those practices.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Hoagland, don't you think they would know? Do you think the Board of Governors at Ak-sar-ben would not be aware of trainers who have been found to be using illegal devices?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Chambers, I know a number of those individuals personally and I can't imagine that they would permit those practices to go on if they knew about it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hoagland.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, I will have to speak again on this issue but I hope you see from this what an uncomfortable position people are placed in like Senator Hoagland when on the one hand they have to smile at big-time gambling which is condoned by good friends of theirs but the other type of gambling which might compete against it. He is in favor of those who can sit in church and gamble and also people who would gamble otherwise sitting in the penitentiary and that I think is totally improper but I will speak again to develop that thought.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, do you wish to speak on this issue?