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place for these kinds of proposals.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I support Senator Murphy and his amendment. This is not unique. This is done in other states. The concept is certainly not unique with the graduated type tax. We are not losing any revenue. We are encouraging racing across this state which is certainly good. If horse racing is to survive, it has got to survive in more places than one or two places in the state. It does allow the smaller tracks to operate profitably so that we don't have a similar situation that happened in Madison where that track was closed down and put out of existence. I don't think that that really was beneficial to the State of Nebraska. Senator DeCamp was very serious about a tourism tax to allow and foster and generate and promote people coming into the State of Nebraska. I know in Columbus, for example, people come as far away as from Kansas City to attend races. I think it is good for the state. It certainly is good for the economy of the community other than the track itself, such as your restaurants, your motels, et cetera, when you have a track, when you have this kind of an attraction. This particular amendment does not penalize anybody. It is not a negative amendment. It is a positive amendment. It doesn't cut the revenues. It merely redistributes the taking of the revenues as to ability to pay which certainly no one on this floor can argue against, rather than the aggressive nature of a flat percentage to all tracks. I think it is a sound amendment and I, like Senator Murphy, ask your compassion for the small tracks, such as Grand Island, such as Columbus, such as Atokad. We need your support on this and we need it bad and I think Columbus is now being faced with the probability that if something like this doesn't happen it is the end of racing in Columbus. It has been in Columbus for many years. It is part of our community and it supports our 4-H program, our free county fair and without this amendment we are denying those youngsters those kind of activities that are made available by this type of activity. I can't understand why we have to put everything in this state in one place. We certainly have been very compassionate with UNO splitting the university now into two locations where we are spreading out. Everything we do in this state we try to get out as far as many locations and many communities as we can and I can't see where horse racing should be any different.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck.